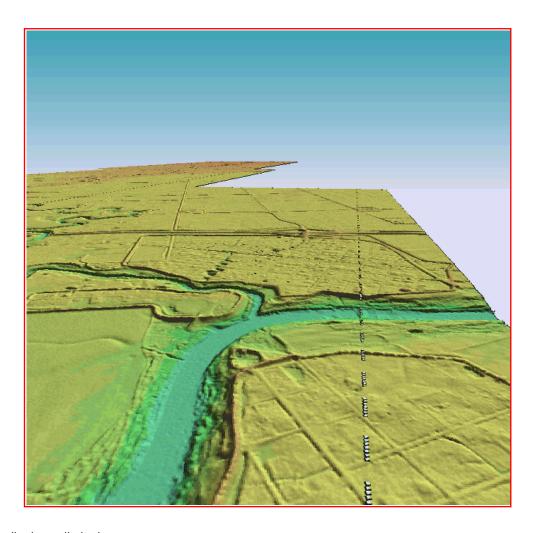


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PREFACE

This pilot study was sponsored by the U.S. Army Engineer District, Saint Paul, St. Paul, MN, and managed by the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) Topographic Engineering Center (TEC), Alexandria, VA.

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INTRODUCTION

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The Intermap STAR-3i system was used for the IFSAR data collection. For the LIDAR collection, EarthData's AeroScan system was deployed. Both systems collected data over the study area in the fall of 1998 during leaf-off conditions and before the first snowfall. TEC contracted for the Intermap IFSAR collection through the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), John C. Stennis Space Center, Science Data Buy program. The EarthData LIDAR collection was contracted through a joint effort between the Saint Paul District and the Canadian Government.

TEC developed a detailed evaluation of the DEMs of the Pembina, ND, area using a combination of the IFSAR and LIDAR technologies to provide the IJC Red River study teams with a basis for determining how additional work could be performed, the time and costs involved, and the best technology or technologies to be used. TEC examined how best to combine the IFSAR and LIDAR technologies to obtain the desired accuracy of 15-cm root-mean-square error (RMSE) or 30-cm root-mean-square (RMS) for floodplain mapping. The hydrological flow of water over the IFSAR and LIDAR DEM was assessed prior to the hydrologic modeling group receiving the data to determine what effects the two different DEMs had on surface water.

Because of its cost, LIDAR was flown over the Pembina River from Pembina, ND, to Neche, ND, to test its validity as a collection platform and to verify the DEM product. A way to combine these technologies to improve their robustness and accuracy through the development of routines within the ArcInfo software was explored. The results of this study will provide the Red River task force with a cost comparison for each of the technologies tested during this project and a list of recommendations for performing the remainder of the basin collection.

The Saint Paul District's development of a Geographic Information System (GIS) for the Red River basin emergency response system required these evaluation tasks and data fusion methodology to be executed within a GIS environment. The GIS package used in this study was ArcInfo version 7.2.1 and 8.0.1. In support of the statistical analysis, Minitab 12 and Quattro Pro 9 were used. An attempt was made to document all of the ArcInfo commands, procedures, and utilities used to assure repeatable results and reuse within the Saint Paul District's GIS development.

LIDAR

Airborne LIDAR mapping systems use a combination of three mature technologies: compact laser rangefinders, highly accurate inertial navigation systems (INS), and global positioning systems (GPS). By integrating these subsystems into a single instrument mounted in a small airplane or helicopter, it is possible to rapidly produce accurate digital topographic maps of the terrain beneath the flight path of the aircraft. Airborne LIDAR mapping instruments are active sensor systems, as opposed to passive imagery such as cameras. Current LIDAR systems offer advantages and unique capabilities compared to traditional photogrammetry. For example, airborne LIDAR mapping systems can penetrate forest canopy to map the ground beneath the treetops, accurately map the sag of electrical power lines between transmission towers, or provide accurate elevation data in areas of low relief and contrast, such as beaches.

Commercial airborne LIDAR mapping systems now are available from several instrument manufacturers while many survey companies have designed and built custom systems. Since LIDAR instruments are less sensitive to environmental conditions, such as weather, sun angle, or leaf on/off conditions, the operational range for surveying applications has been expanded. In addition, airborne laser mapping can be conducted at night with no degradation in performance.

AeroScan

The AeroScan LIDAR system is composed of a laser subsystem consisting of the source, scanning assembly, and timing electronics; a positioning and orientation subsystem consisting of the differential GPS and INS; a data storage unit; and processing software (Spencer B. Gross, Inc., 2000). The system develops a scan pattern on the ground with a variable field of view from 10 to 75 degrees. It operates at altitudes from 610 to 6,100 m (2,000 to 20,000 ft) giving a swath width of 350 to 30,000 m (1,148 to 98,425 ft). The achievable point density may vary between 1.5-m and 12-m with a horizontal range of 15-cm to 1-m and a vertical accuracy of 15-to 60-cm. Once the GPS positions are determined, the scanner position and sensor orientation are used to compute the position of the laser spot on the ground. Appropriate transformations are employed to derive the final data product in the user-specified horizontal and vertical datums. Obstructions and vegetation can be removed during the postprocessing phase, if required, to produce a bare earth DEM. The final DEM can be formatted to any user-defined system, or may be delivered as ASCII point data (x, y, z).

IFSAR

The state of the art in exploiting IFSAR for terrain information is advancing rapidly, and provides significant potential for use in crisis support operations. Unlike conventional Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) imagery, IFSAR data permit the generation of rectified SAR images coregistered with an accurate DEM. In addition, this imagery can have an absolute geographic accuracy of 1-m RMS or less. The rapidity with which IFSAR data can be collected and processed over wide areas and its all-weather, day-night capabilities offer significant potential for providing direct support to crisis situations.

Cognizant of expanding capabilities in radar interferometry, the U.S. Department of Defense began an aggressive program to pursue the acquisition of highly accurate computerized terrain data using IFSAR in 1992 under the sponsorship of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) with ERDC TEC as the executive agent. This program, titled Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar for Elevations (IFSAR-E), has been executed by the Environmental Research Institute of Michigan (ERIM), and resulted in the fabrication of an interferometric radar integrated with a GPS and INS on a Learjet 36A. The NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), at the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, developed processing software and the ground-processing environment. The software and ground-processing capabilities have been transitioned to Intermap Technologies Inc., Englewood, CO, and are referred to as STAR-3i.

The STAR-3i System

Traditional SAR systems gave two-dimensional (2-D) views of the earth and included geometric distortions inherent in slant-range SAR data. IFSAR was developed to provide an elevation component to SAR imagery. The additional information from interferometric techniques provides a three-dimensional (3-D) view of the earth and removes some of the geometric distortions.

Three files are generated from the IFSAR instrument: a magnitude file, correlation file, and elevation file. The magnitude file is a backscatter image that provides information on the shape of features, as well as terrain texture. The correlation image provides information on a surface or volume backscatter. The elevation data, or DEM, provides information on terrain elevation and height of features.

The STAR-3i system consists of two X-band radar antennae mounted in a Learjet 36A. Data are collected from the twin antennae simultaneously. The sets of acquired data are "interfered" by a digital correlation process to extract terrain height data used to geometrically correct the radar image. STAR-3i uses postprocessed differential GPS data, together with onboard laser-based inertial measurement data, to obtain highly accurate positioning control. Terrain height and positioning data are enhanced by calibration of the baseline (the distance between the two antennae). The accuracy of the positioning information and calibration is such

that no in-scene control points are required. The only requirement is that a ground-based GPS receiver must be located within 200 km of the data collection site so that differential GPS processing can take place.

The STAR-3i is typically flown at 12,000-m and acquires a 10-km-wide swath of 2.5-m resolution on the ground. The system has been designed to collect DEMs at a rate of 100 km² per minute with 1- to 3-m vertical accuracy. Improved DEM accuracy is achieved by reducing the aircraft altitude to 6,000-m, which reduces the swath width to 6 km. At this lower aircraft height, ground resolution stays the same; however, the signal-to-noise ratio is one-half that of the higher altitude, thereby improving precision in the vertical direction.

IFSAR and LIDAR PRODUCTS

The study area shaded in Figure 1 was located on the upper limb of the United States side of the Red River near the city of Pembina, ND, and included most of the Pembina River. The IFSAR and LIDAR products were delivered in a Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projection, Zone 14, North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) horizontal datum, and North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88) with all units in meters. The areal extents of the IFSAR and LIDAR data sets are shown in Figure 2. The orientation of the LIDAR collection was from the northwest to southeast and orientation of the IFSAR collection was from east to west.

A color-shaded relief in Figure 3 is used to show the extent of the IFSAR DEM data with an approximate area of 371 square miles (mi²) or 960 square kilometers (km²). Three data sets were delivered from Intermap Technologies, Inc., through the Saint Paul District for this study, GLOBAL Terrain 1 (GT1) and GT2 DEM products and magnitude images. The major difference between the GT1 and GT2 products is their vertical accuracy. The GT1 product has an approximate vertical accuracy of 1-m and the GT2 product has an approximate vertical accuracy of 1.5-m. The magnitude image is a reflective intensity image of the radar return, a sample of which is shown in Figure 4. The tiling scheme used is based on an overlarge U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-min DEM. The Intermap GT1, GT2, and magnitude image products all were delivered at the cost of \$83 per km² for a total cost of approximately \$80,000.

In Figure 5, a color-shaded relief is used to show the extent of the LIDAR DEM data with an approximate area of 59 mi² or 152 km². Four data sets were delivered from EarthData through a Canadian contract for this study: full and separate strips in an Arc GRID format, ASCII x,y,z bare-earth surface, and ASCII x,y,z reflective surface. The full and separate strip DEMs were delivered as bare-earth products, where most of the vegetation and building structures have been removed to create a flat, smooth surface. The defined EarthData products were all delivered at the cost of \$789 per km² for a total cost of approximately \$120,000.

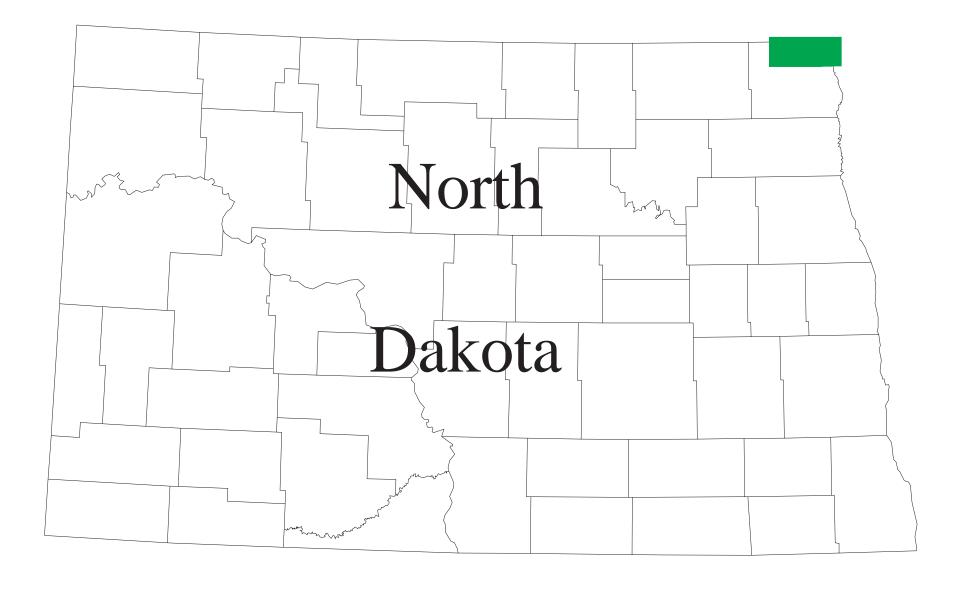


Figure 1. Shaded Study Area

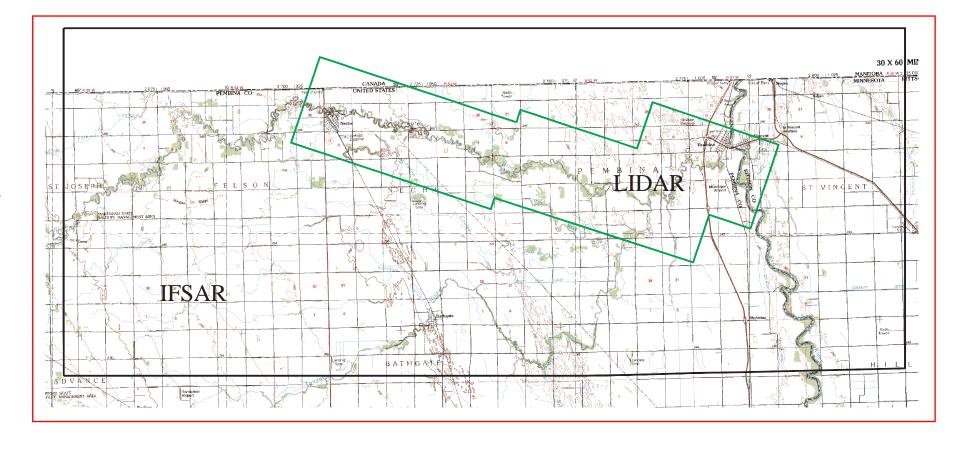


Figure 2. Extents of LIDAR and IFSAR DEMs

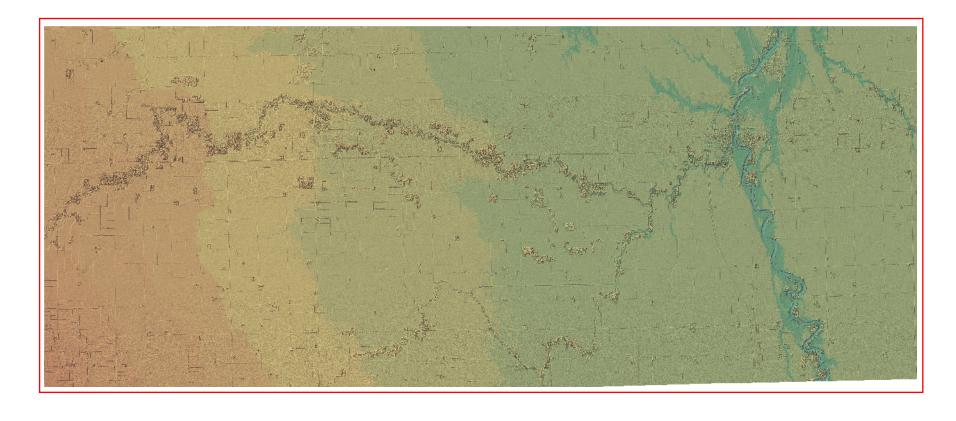


Figure 3. IFSAR Color-Shaded Relief

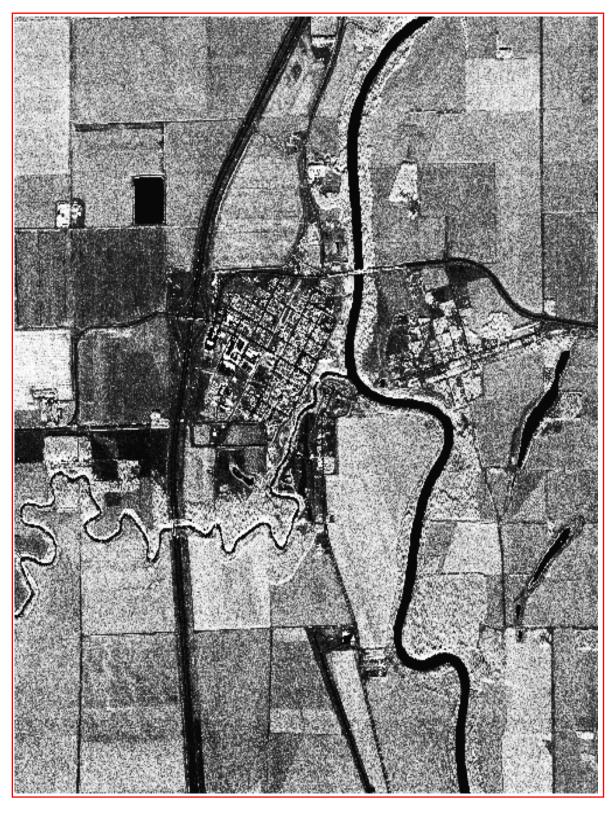


Figure 4. IFSAR Magnitude Image near Pembina, ND

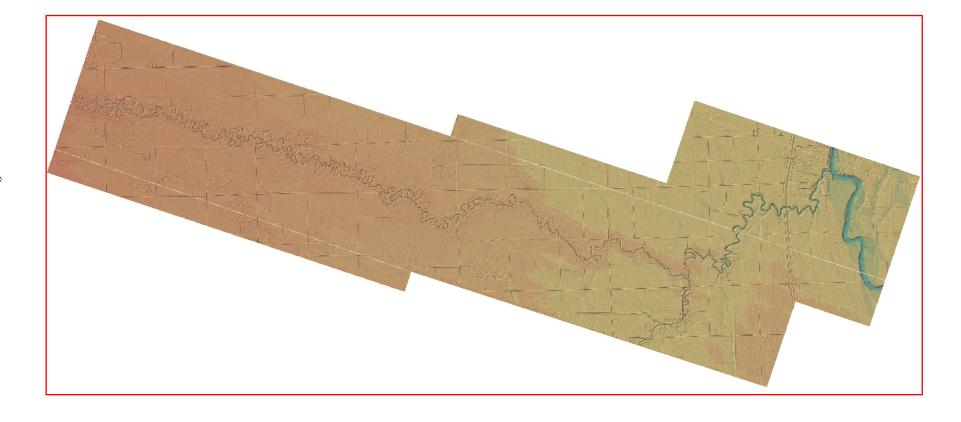


Figure 5. LIDAR Color-Shaded Relief

Data Formats

The format of the IFSAR DEM data had an IEEE floating point, 32-bit signed binary format and a 5-m post spacing with a .bil extension. The .bil extension was dropped before the IFSAR DEM data were imported into ArcInfo using the *FLOATGRID* command. The header files with .txt extensions were used as a reference, and new header files were created to import the data correctly into ArcInfo. A single DEM header file has the Intermap header parameters for file gt1n48w097h2m1.txt in Appendix A. The last two letters of IFSAR header file names are m1, which differ from the DEM files, which end with a v1. A full file listing of the delivered DEM products is shown in Table 1 except for their extensions and header files. There were a total of five files each for the GT1 and GT2 DEM products. The GT1 DEMs were merged together and used for the analysis because of the 1-m vertical accuracy.

Table 1. IFSAR DEMs

GT1 DEM	GT2 DEM
gt1n48w097h2v1	gt2n48w097h2v1
gt1n48w097h3v1	gt2n48w097h3v1
gt1n48w097h4v1	gt2n48w097h4v1
gt1n48w097h5v1	gt2n48w097h5v1
gt1n48w097h6v1	gt2n48w097h6v1

The IFSAR magnitude images were delivered in a TIFF format with a .tif extension and a 2.5-m pixel resolution. A single magnitude header file has the Intermap header parameters for file im2n48w097h2m1.txt in Appendix B. A world header file with a .tfw extension in Figure 6 was created to reference each TIFF image using parameters found in Appendix B. The *IMAGEGRID* command was used to import five magnitude images. In Table 2, a full file listing of the delivered magnitude images is shown except for their extensions and world header files.

Figure 6. TIFF World File for File im2n48w097h2v1.tfw

Table 2. Magnitude Images

gt1n48w097h2v1 gt1n48w097h3v1 gt1n48w097h4v1 gt1n48w097h5v1 gt1n48w097h6v1

The LIDAR DEM data had Arc GRID and ASCII x,y,z as the two basic formats. The Arc GRID files were easily copied from the two CD-ROMs to an ArcInfo work space using the *COPY* command. The Arc GRID files had a 3-m post spacing for the full DEM and separate strip DEMs. The ASCII x,y,z data can be imported using a number of different routines within ArcInfo. There were a total of 12 files each for the ASCII x,y,z bare-earth and reflective surfaces. A full file listing of the delivered DEM products is shown in Table 3 except for their extensions and directory structures.

Table 3. LIDAR Data Set

Reflective	Bare-earth	Arc GRID	Arc GRID
183921	183921c	1183921	full_dem
185701	185701c	1185701	
190710	190710c	1190710	
191555	191555c	1191555	
192522	192522c	1192522	
193616	193616c	1193616	
194633	194633c	1194633	
195349	195349c	1195349	
195932	195932c	1195932	
200359	200359c	1200359	
200946	200946c	1200946	
201423	201423c	1201423	

DEM Anomalies

DEM anomalies or artifacts, which are similar to a commonly seen USGS 7.5-min DEM artifact known as a corn row, can best be seen by using a shaded-relief technique. A color-shaded-relief technique is applied to the IFSAR and LIDAR DEMs for this study. A black and white method of shading is accomplished by using the *HILLSHADE* command with the following string *ifsarshade* = *hillshade(ifsardem, 315, 45, all)*. Anomalies not noticeable before can easily be detected when performing this type of visual quality assurance.

The IFSAR DEM had one major flaw associated with its delivery. The flaw was introduced by editing the DEM prior to delivery. It is visible in Figures 7 and 8 with rough patches running north to south. Three areas near the far northern edge of the delivered IFSAR DEM have rough patches in the DEM. Similar areas can be found in the IFSAR DEM near tree lines following the flight path caused by a shadowing created by the trees and the IFSAR sensor. The IFSAR magnitude images had no visible anomalies, but the areas were different for the combined IFSAR DEM and magnitude image data sets.

The LIDAR DEM had two major flaws associated with its delivery, deep depressions and data voids visible in Figure 9. Most of the data voids are areas of adjoining seams, but other areas of the LIDAR DEM have many linear patches of data voids running throughout the LIDAR DEM visible as white areas in Figures 10, 11, and 12. The deep depressions can be found throughout the LIDAR DEM as shown in Figures 9, 10, 11, and 12, and can be found mainly near urban areas. The minor flaw is not easily seen and appears to have curved linear cuts in the terrain running along the collection path visible in Figures 11 and 12. These areas do not appear to be ground scars as with glacial terrain of the area.

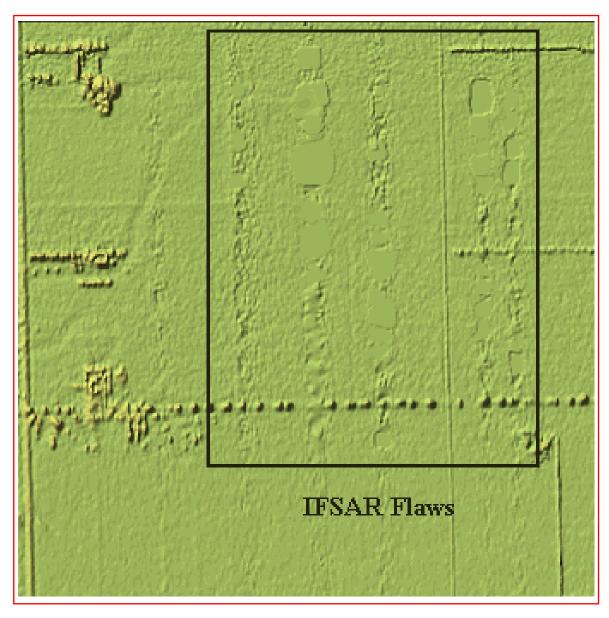


Figure 7. IFSAR DEM Flaws

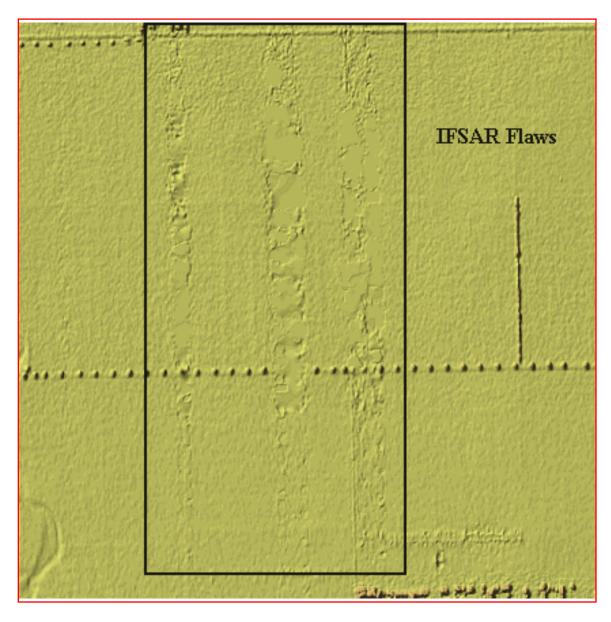


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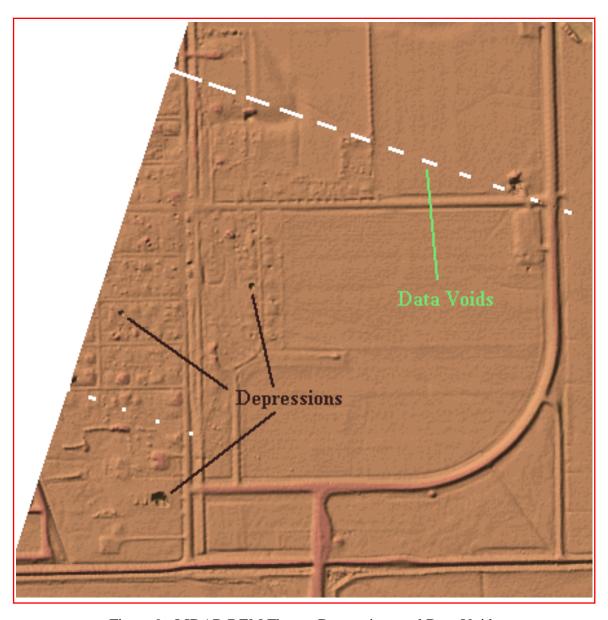


Figure 9. LIDAR DEM Flaws - Depressions and Data Voids

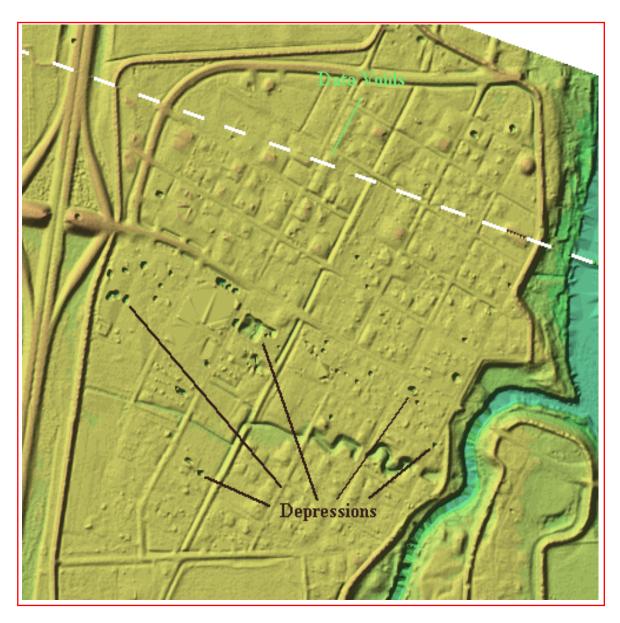


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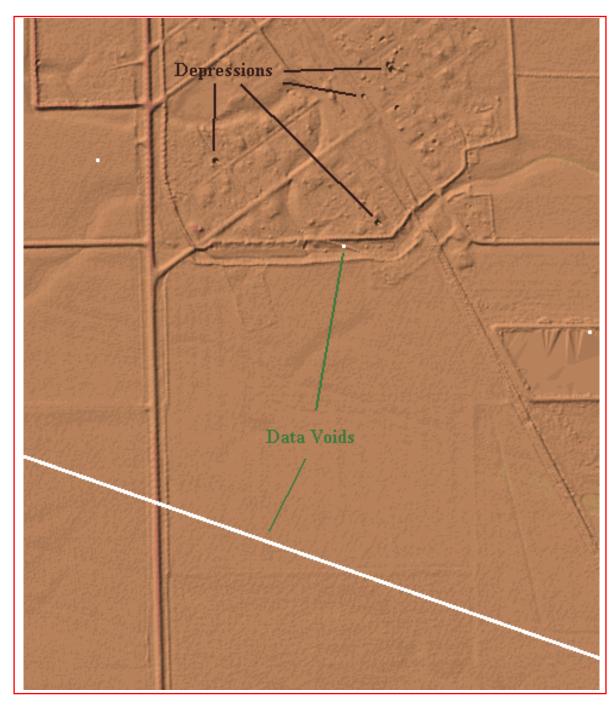


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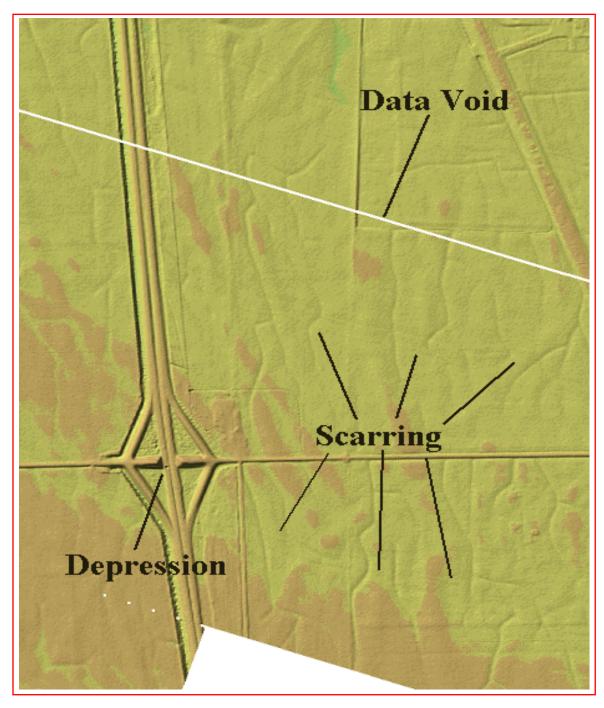


Figure 12. LIDAR DEM Flaws - Depressions, Data Voids, and Scarring

DEM PREPARATION: HYDROLOGIC MODELING

To apply hydrologic modeling to a DEM surface effectively, depression filling and surface smoothing routines are needed. IFSAR and LIDAR DEMs are not an exception to this process. Both IFSAR and LIDAR DEMs require smoothing and filling routines to produce a useable DEM for hydrologic modeling. In Figure 13, the original 5-m IFSAR DEM without any filter routines is shown. It is apparent that the surface needs filtering to achieve the type of condition needed for hydrologic modeling after examining the zoomed-in area of the IFSAR DEM in Figure 14. The terrain is rough and bumpy with many small depressions. This does not allow water to flow correctly across the DEM. ArcInfo 7.2.1 was used to perform the depression and surface smoothing routines found at the Arc prompt and in the Arc GRID.

Vegetation Removal

One of the problems encountered with IFSAR DEMs is the vegetation cover in the data. The second problem is the near- and far-range areas where elevation data appear rough. Some tools in ArcInfo 7.2.1, although primitive, can be used to edit a DEM to eliminate features such as forested areas. In Figure 15, forest areas have been edited out by a three-step process. First, forest areas were digitized and elevation attributes added to each polygon. Second, the polygons were converted to a grid with elevation values using the *POLYGRID* command. Third, the *GRIDINSERT* command was used to merge the two grids together. The drawback to this process and traditional photogrammetric editing is the lack of tools that will help to adjust the slope of the inserted DEM to the surrounding edge of the old DEM. This is why the inserted grid appears flat and the surrounding slope is not captured well.

The *LATTICETIN* command also can be employed to interpolate a new surface. The same procedure as *POLYGRID* can be used with the addition of a nodata value of -9999 added to the polygon attribute field. The *SELECTMASK* command in Arc GRID can be used to blank out the vegetated areas. The new DEM surface will appear to have blank holes. The *LATTICETIN* command will be used to interpolate across the nodata values created earlier. The *TINLATTICE* command can be used to convert the *TIN* back to a gridded surface. This process was not performed and is provided as guidance to eliminate forest canopies in the IFSAR DEM.

Creating a Hydrologic DEM

DEM smoothing is accomplished by using low-pass and averaging filters. Low-pass filters can be used to smooth DEMs by the number of iterations the filter is run across a surface using the *FILTER* command at the Arc prompt. An example of a low-pass filter being used is shown in Figure 16 using a 3 by 3 filter with two iterations with the low-pass option, and in Figure 17 using five iterations. This type of filter averages the surrounding values using the *FOCALMEAN* command at the GRID prompt with varying window sizes. The result of a *FOCALMEAN* filter is shown in Figure 18 using a 5 by 5 filter. The following string was used for the DEM in Figure 18 and in Figure 19 using a 7 by 7 filter: *demfocmn* = *focalmean*

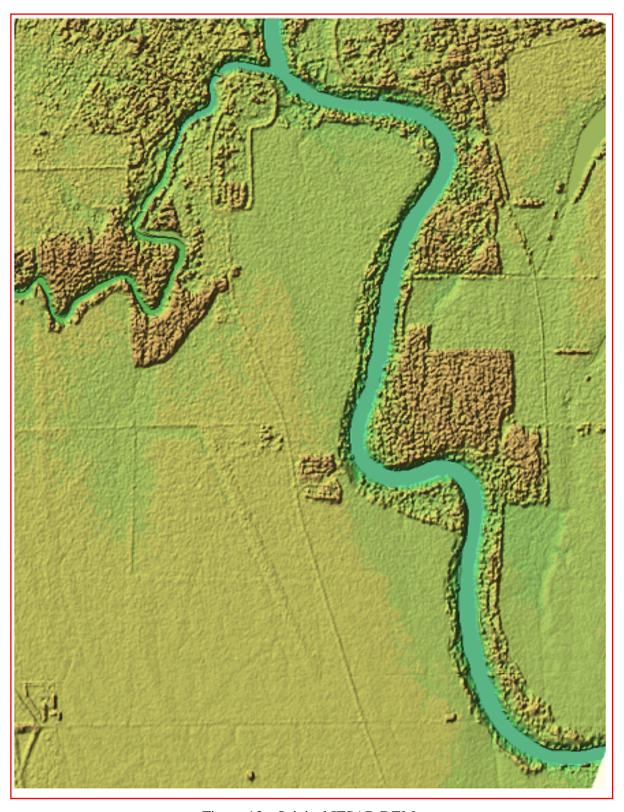


Figure 13. Original IFSAR DEM



Figure 14. Zoomed-In Area of IFSAR DEM

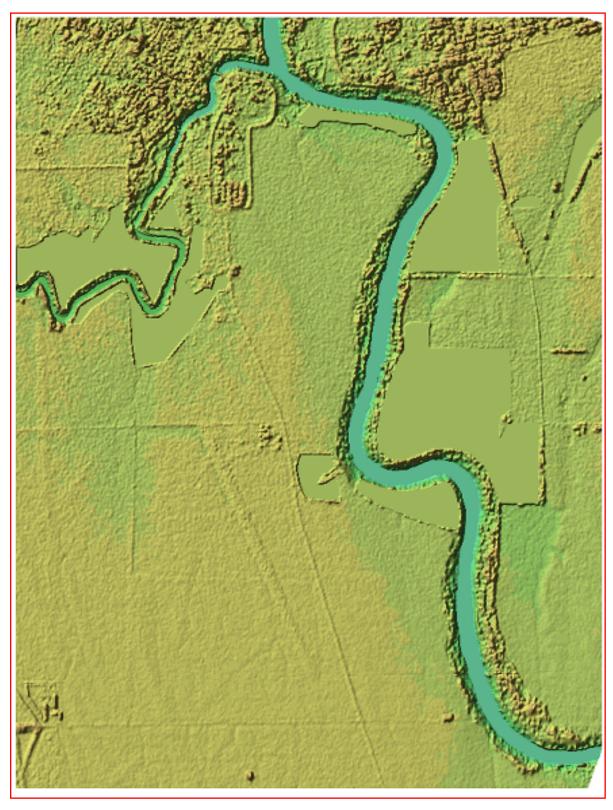


Figure 15. Forest Removal



Figure 16. Two Iterations Using the FILTER Command with a Low-Pass Option



Figure 17. Five Iterations Using the FILTER Command with a Low-Pass Option

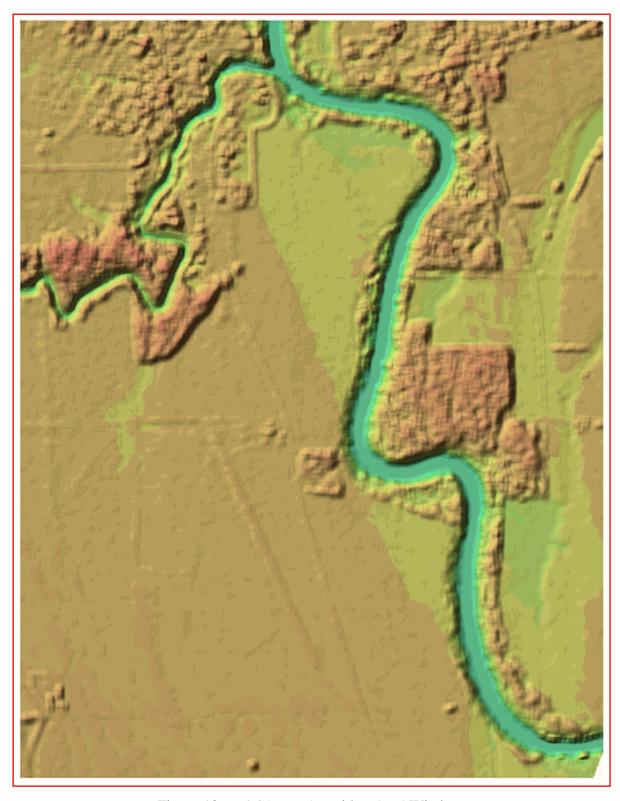


Figure 18. FOCALMEAN with a 5 x 5 Window



Figure 19. FOCALMEAN with a 7 x 7 Window

(*ifsardemclp*, *rectangle*, 5, 5). The effects of the low-pass filter with five iterations are similar to these using the *FOCALMEAN* 5 by 5 filter. The drawbacks to this type of smoothing are that features disappear slowly and the DEM is lowered based on the type of filters employed in the process.

Depressions are filled using the *FILL* command in Arc GRID. This fill process was run on the entire IFSAR DEM data set but continued to crash. The technical support of Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI), Redlands, CA, stated the problem was due to the embedded limitation of 100,000 records and 500 unique values. The *FILL* command does not support floating point data over large areas, but one solution was to multiply the DEM by 1,000 or more to eliminate the decimal places, convert the data to integer values, and use *BUILDVAT* on the integer DEM. The GRID module also has not been updated since 1995. The *FILL* command was used on a smaller area with the option to fill everything within a 0.5-m range, and results are shown in Figure 20.

Other tools in ArcInfo can be employed to help determine how acceptable a surface is to water flow. The *SURFACEPROFILE* and *STACKPROFILE* commands can be used in ArcPLOT to display surface cross sections. The *SURFACEPROFILE* command will display a single DEM, while the *STACKPROFILE* command will display multiple DEMs. The *FLOWDIRECTION* and *FLOWACCUMULATION* commands in ArcGRID can be used to determine how water will flow across a DEM. ArcInfo's documentation can further clarify the commands used in this section and other sections of this study. The *FLOWDIRECTION* and *FLOWACCUMULATION* commands were used on the LIDAR and IFSAR DEM. Stream segments were disjointed in the IFSAR DEM, and the LIDAR DEM seemed to have other problems discussed in the next chapter.

The LIDAR DEM with many depressions posed a special problem. Each depression would have to located and edited manually to correct the problem. This is needed for surface runoff modeling and possibly hydrologic modeling. The hydrologic modeling group will best determine the use of the LIDAR and IFSAR DEM. If IFSAR and LIDAR DEMs are used for other purposes, no smoothing or filling routines need to be applied.

Recommendations

The off-the-shelf commercial GIS software packages require further enhancement for DEM editing and improved hydrologic processing. ArcInfo versions 7.2.1 and 8.0.1 presently are deficient in several areas of DEM editing and creating hydrologic DEMs. Primitive DEM editing capabilities exist in ArcInfo but are similar to photogrammetric techniques that do not take the slope of a surface into account while editing the terrain. A more robust true 3-D approach could achieve the desired solution by allowing a user to rotate the DEM in space for better editing. Filtering techniques work but are not effective on near- and far-range areas of the IFSAR DEM. Surface water does not flow across the IFSAR DEM surface due to the noise and, with further filtering, achieves a poor hydrologic DEM. Surface elevations are reduced, by as much as 0.1 to

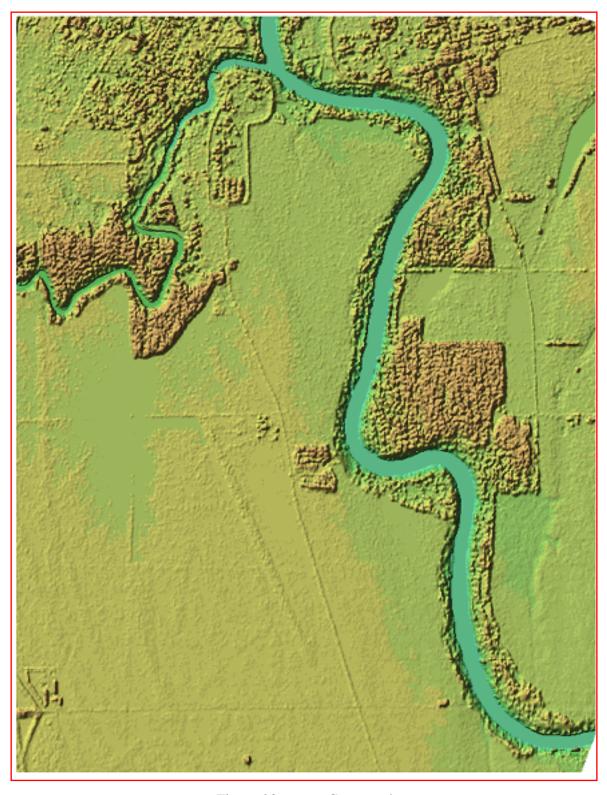


Figure 20. FILL Command

0.5-m, and elevated roads disappear from the DEM. The sink-filling limit is reached at 100,000 records and 500 unique values using *SINK* and *FILL* commands to create a hydrologic DEM. This deficiency is due to the out-of-date Arc GRID module, which has not been updated since 1995. A bug report was submitted as CQ00116633 to GRID by ESRI's technical support on the request of TEC. The bug was for *FILL* to handle integer and floating point data of any size. The outcome of the bug is pending ESRI's review of worthiness for a fix.

FIRST LIDAR DELIVERY

The vertical comparison focused on the overlap area between the LIDAR and IFSAR DEMs. The area of overlap was the extent of the LIDAR DEM. The basic investigation used simple differencing diffdem = LIDARdem - IFSARdem as the first step to finding the greatest deviation in elevation between the LIDAR and IFSAR DEMs and is shown in Table 4 in the "Before" column. The simple differencing results can be viewed in Figure 21. The orange and yellow in Figure 21 point to a problem with the collection or production process with the LIDAR DEM. The green is mostly vegetation found in the IFSAR DEM. The red is the sides of the Pembina River channel.

Statistical Tools

A regression analysis was run in ArcInfo using the *SAMPLE* and *REGRESSION* commands at the GRID prompt. The *SAMPLE* command used the string *oldcompare1* = *sample* (*baredem*, *gt1dem*) to calculate the data table used for the regression analysis. The *REGRESSION* command was then used with the string *regression oldcompare1 linear brief* to find the RMSE for the LIDAR and IFSAR DEMs. The results of the regression analysis are shown in Table 5. This analysis considered all of the overlap area including vegetated areas found in the IFSAR DEM. The high RMSE value of 1.78-m and coefficient value of 38 is attributed to vegetation in the IFSAR DEM.

Other spatial analysis tools are available in ArcInfo, such as the *CORRELATION*, *GEARY*, and *MORAN* commands. The *CORRELATION* command provides information on cross correlation between two grids. The *GEARY* and *MORAN* commands provide spatial autocorrelation indexes for a grid, which can be applied to DEMs. Spatial autocorrelation is a measure of simularity of each object within an area (ArcInfo Help). More information is provided by ArcInfo's online help under GRID statistical functions and commands.

Table 4. LIDAR and IFSAR Elevation Differences in Meters

Before	Count	After	Count
-31	2	-30	2
-29	1	-28	1
-28	1	-27	1
-27	2	-26	2
-25	1	-24	1
-24	2	-23	2
-23	5	-22	5
-22	7	-21	7
-21	17	-20	17
-20	20	-19	20
-19	42	-18	42
-18	94	-17	94
-17	166	-16	166
-16	488	-15	488
-15	1541	-14	1541
-14	4316	-13	4316
-13	8925	-12	8925
-12	13863	-11	13863
-11	20259	-10	20259
-10	28266	-9	28266
-9	37855	-8	37855
-8	47818	-7	47818
-7	56663	-6	56663
-6	62627	-5	62627
-5	66805	-4	66805
-4	71226	-3	71226
-3	78196	-2	78196
-2	100523	-1	100523
-1	1271498	0	5318248
0	4201024	1	154274
1	18530	2	18530
2	6978	3	6978
3	3313	4	3313
4	1610	5	1610
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6	82	7	82
7	14	8	14
8	7	9	7
9	3	10	3

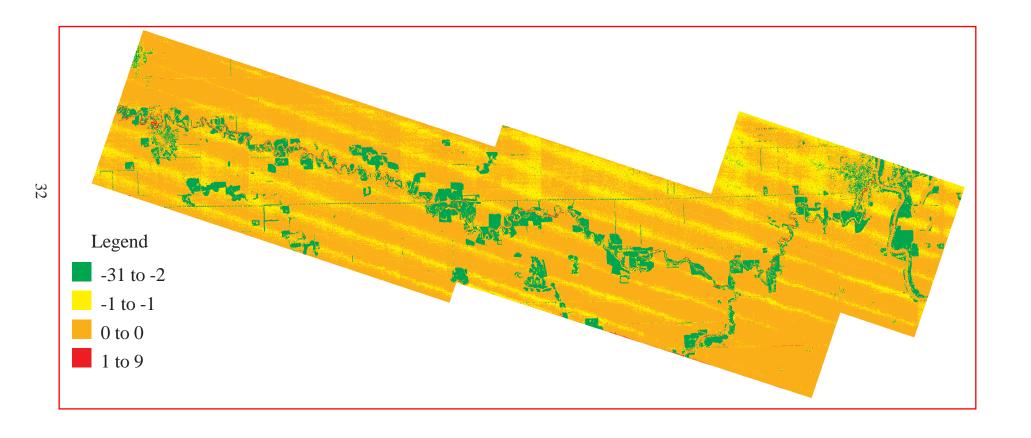


Figure 21. Elevation Difference Image of the LIDAR and IFSAR DEM

Table 5. Regression Analysis Using ArcInfo

Coef #	Coef
0	38.284
1	0.839
RMS Error	1.779
Chi-Square	19313105.407

Analysis

A regression analysis and a t-test were run using 415 random points collected away from vegetation found in the IFSAR DEM and away from structures not found in the LIDAR DEM. Three points were found to be near or over low-level vegetation in the IFSAR DEM and were eliminated. Points near transportation structures were eliminated from the total number of points. The IFSAR DEM lacks accurate definition of transportation structures in the area and would not provide a fair comparison of the two data sets. This brought the sample points down to 412 points for the analysis. An Arc Macro Language (AML) script was written to take elevation values from the LIDAR and IFSAR DEMs as a stacked grid seen in Appendix C. The x- and y-coordinates of the 412 points were put into an ASCII text file, and the AML was run to extract the elevation data for the analysis. The first calculations were made using Quattro Pro and checked using Minitab version 12 software. A one-tail and two-tail paired t-test were run to check the mean values of the LIDAR and IFSAR DEMs. In Table 6, the first t-test conclusion is that the null hypothesis is rejected and the differences are significant with a p-value of .00 for the one- and two-tail paired t-test. This means that the data sets have a significantly different mean. In Table 6, the r-squared value of 99.2 percent in the "Before Correction" section shows a strong relationship between the two DEMs with a RMSE value of 0.36-m.

Cross sections can play an important role in checking the differences between DEMs. Several cross sections were used to check the LIDAR and IFSAR DEMs. The *STACKPROFILE* and *SURFACEPROFILE* commands can be used to produce cross-section graphs in ArcPlot, and a sample AML is seen in Appendix D. The *SCREENSAVE* command was used to capture the cross-section graphs as an image for this report. In Figure 22, an approximate 1-m offset is seen in one of several cross-sections used to view the LIDAR and IFSAR DEMs. Cross sections helped to evaluate and confirm the approximate 1-m offset and provided supporting information to apply a 1-m correction to the IFSAR DEM. The effects of the correction can be seen in Table 4 by the reduction of 1,117,224 elevation points to category 0 in the "AFTER" column. Visual results are shown in Figures 23 and 24.

The second one- and two-tail paired t-test was run to check the mean difference of the LIDAR and newly corrected IFSAR DEM with a p-value of 0.00 shown in Table 6. The second t-test conclusion is that the null hypothesis is rejected. The means of the data sets are significantly different. The final regression analysis was run with results listed in the Table 6 "After

Table 6. Regression Analysis Using Corrected IFSAR DEM

			Before Correction	
			Regression Output:	
t-test	Paired	Constant		1.4618
One Tail	0.0000	Std Err of Y Est		0.3641
Two Tail	0.0000	R Squared		0.9922
		No. of Observations		412
		Degrees of Freedom		410
		X Coefficient(s)		0.9909
		Std Err of Coef.		0.0043
			After Correction	
			Regression Output:	
t-test		Constant		2.4527
One Tail	0.0000	Std Err of Y Est		0.3641
Two Tail	0.0000	R Squared		0.9922
		No. of Observations		412
		Degrees of Freedom		410
		X Coefficient(s)		0.9909

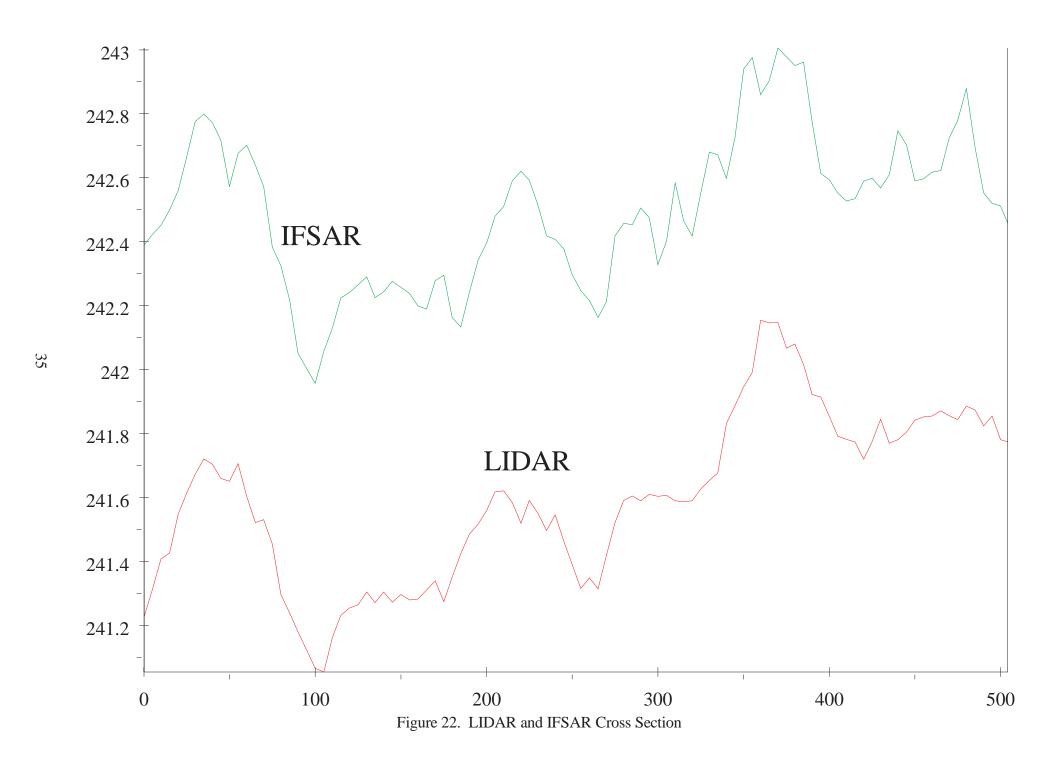
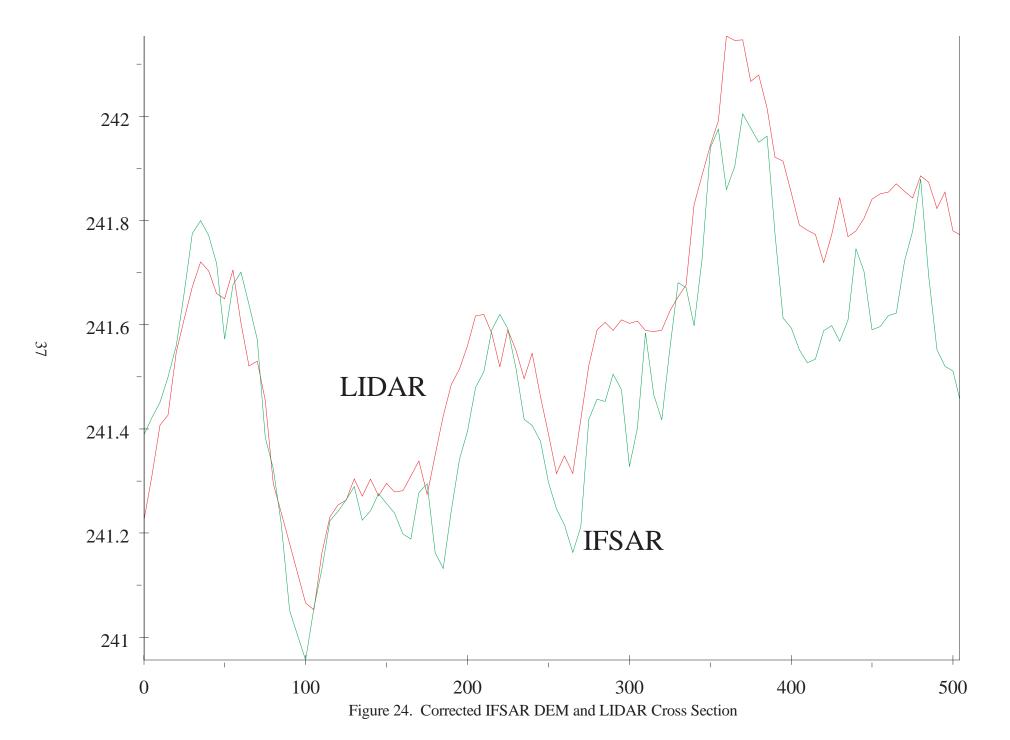


Figure 23. Elevation Difference Image of the LIDAR and Corrected IFSAR DEM



Correction" section. In Figure 25, a plot of the residuals versus the order of data does not show significant deviation from normality. The normal probability plot of residuals in Figure 26 shows no significant deviation. The regression plot in Figure 27 shows most all of the residuals falling withing the 95 percent range with a few outliers. Graphs in Figures 28 (IFSAR) and 29 (LIDAR) show significant deviation from normality; a K-S test for normality gives a p-value of 0.01, which confirms the non-normality. Because of this, the assumptions of the t-test are violated and the p-values may be inaccurate. Further testing will be done upon redelivery of the LIDAR DEM.

Recommendation

EarthData needs to redeliver the LIDAR bare-earth DEM to eliminate the wave or roll effect visible in Figure 21 and fill data voids found in the DEM. EarthData has been contacted and a delivery date is unknown. EarthData confirmed there was a systematic error in the LIDAR DEM in July of 1999 and they were working to correct the problem. Man-made transportation structures and vegetated areas do not lend themselves to be useful for accessing the accuracy of the two DEMs due to the differences in two collection devices. IFSAR is capable of capturing man-made transportation structures, but as the structure decreases in size the structure in less defined in the DEM. This may be due to processing of the IFSAR DEM from 2.5- to 5-m and other processing techniques. LIDAR seems to be better in the capture of man-made transportation features. High accuracy GPS control should be collected across the actual terrain of the study area at the 2-cm level would provide a more accurate comparison and analysis of the LIDAR and IFSAR DEMs.

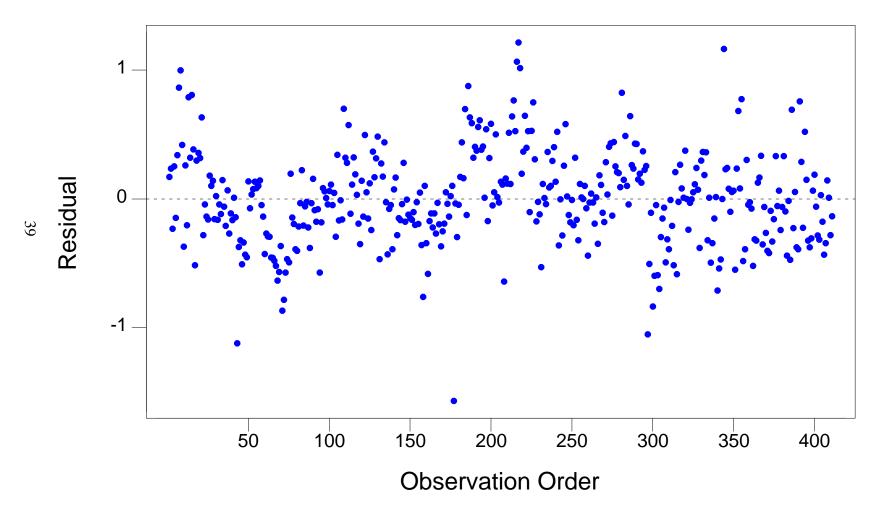


Figure 25. Residuals Versus the Ordered Data for the Corrected IFSAR and LIDAR DEM

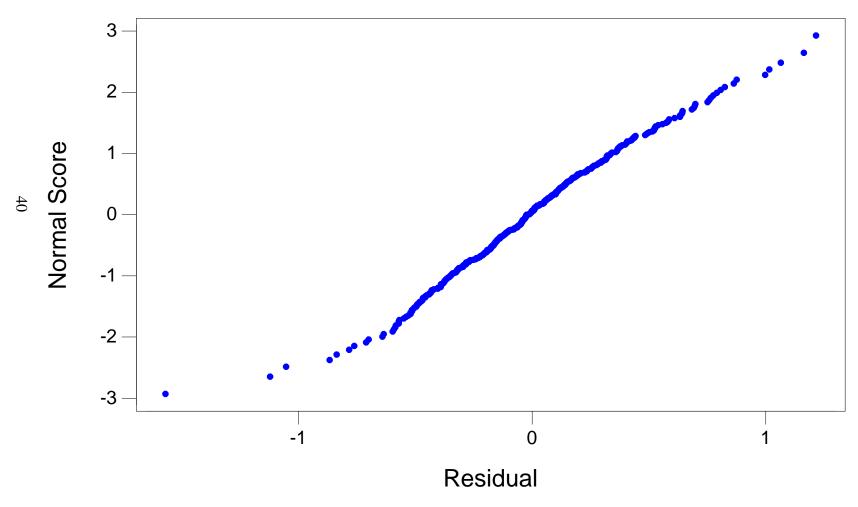
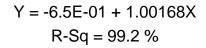


Figure 26. Normal Probability Plot of the Residuals



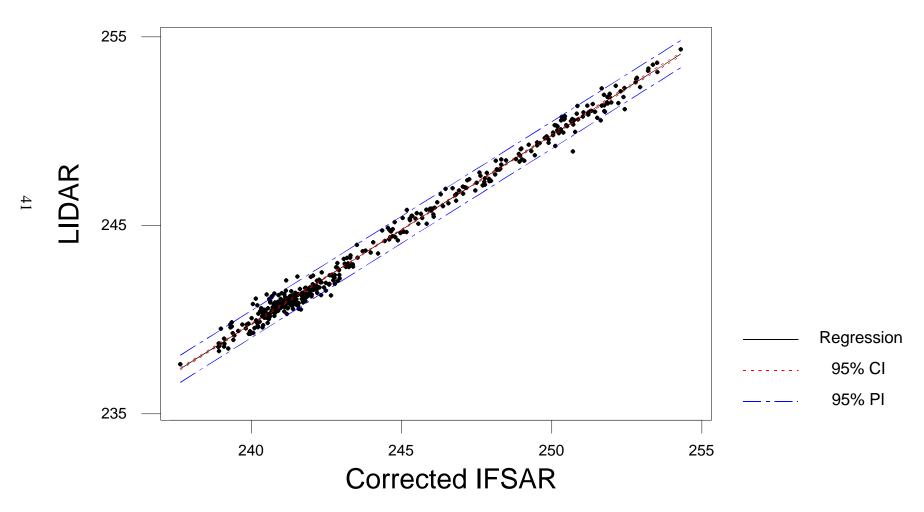


Figure 27. Regression Plot

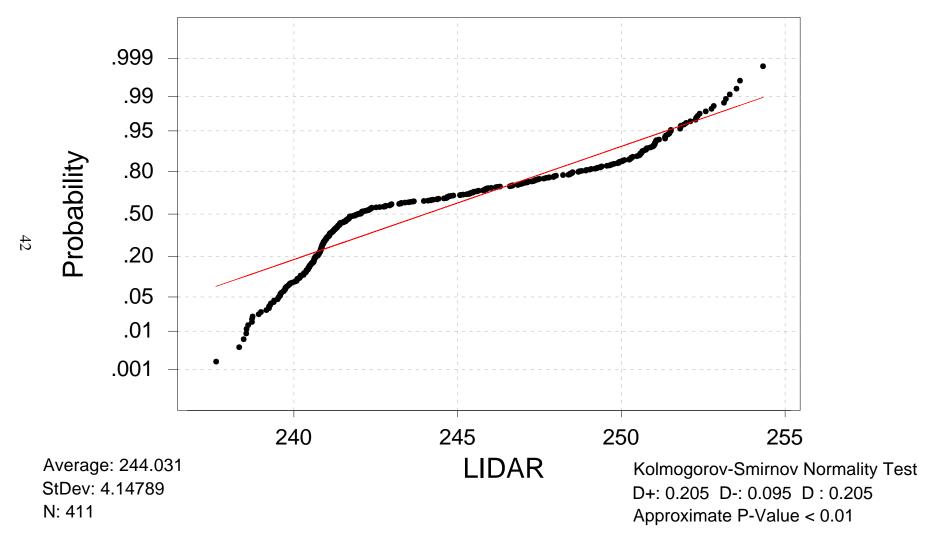


Figure 28. Normal Probability Plot for the IFSAR DEM Data

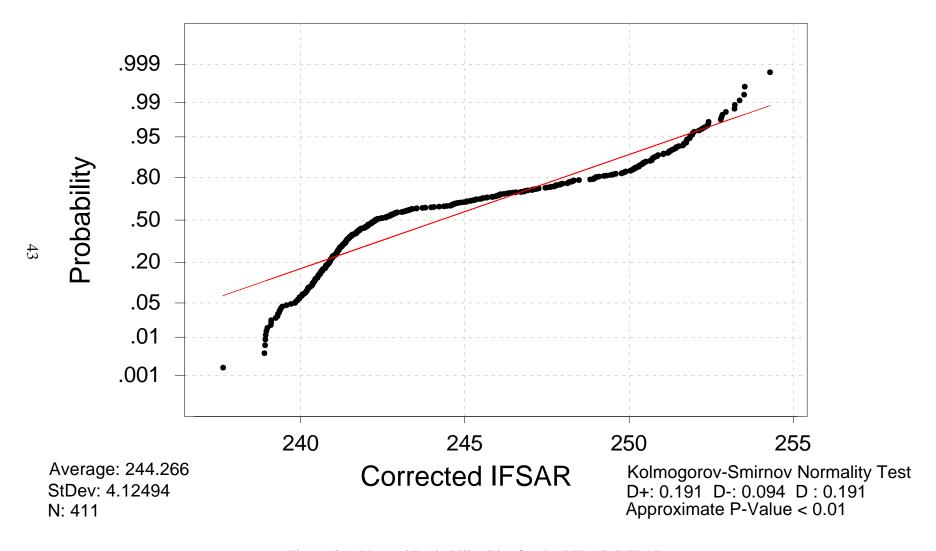


Figure 29. Normal Probability Plot for the LIDAR DEM Data

DATA FUSION

The purpose of performing a data fusion or merging DEMs is to find the best economy of data types and resolutions. The concept of data fusion is not new and has been around for years. The purpose of this section is to explain how data fusion can work to provide a robust new DEM from two or more different resolution DEMs for floodplain mapping. The data fusion methodology can be accomplished with any raster-based GIS as long as it supports masking and merging routines within the software package. ArcInfo and ERDAS Imagine software packages provide support for masking and merging. ArcInfo was used for the data fusion process for the study area. The seven-step process (Damron 1999) presented in Figure 30 can be used in any raster-based GIS. In ArcInfo, the *GRIDINSERT* command was used to perform the same process as the seven-step process:

```
    ifsarres2 = resample (ifsarclp, 2)
    Convert IFSAR or LIDAR data from NAVD88 to Ellipsoid heights if needed
    output1 = con (isnull(nasalidar), 100, nasalidar
    output2 = setnull (output1 < 50, output1)</li>
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- 5. output3 = (output2 100)
- 6. outmask1 = selectmask (ifsarres2, output3)
- 7. mosaic1 = mosaic (outmask1, nasalidar)

Figure 30. Seven-Step DEM Fusion Technique

The fusion process was run twice using the LIDAR and IFSAR DEMs. The first process was run to see what the LIDAR and IFSAR DEMs looked like with no vertical corrections. The fusion or merging process was accomplished at the Arc prompt using the *GRIDINSERT* command, which will resample the LIDAR DEM to 5-m post spacing and apply the masking routine to the IFSAR DEM. In Figures 31 and 32, the 1-m offset observed earlier is visible by the appearance of a clean and sharp lip between the LIDAR and IFSAR DEMs. Vertical checks using cross sections made it possible to correct the 1-m offset found in the IFSAR DEM. The results of the 1-m correction to the IFSAR DEM can be seen in Figures 33 and 34 with the second run of the data fusion process to the LIDAR and corrected IFSAR DEM. The systematic error can be seen along the eastern edge of the DEM, which appears slightly higher and then lower than the rest of the DEM. In Figure 35, the edge of the fused DEM is clearly seen in the before and after fusion with the old IFSAR DEM 1-m above the corrected IFSAR. A fused LIDAR and corrected IFSAR DEM was delivered to the Saint Paul District, and the Canadian contractor performed the

analysis for the hydrologic modeling.

TEC should work with the Canadian contractor to determine the best level of variation in the smoothing and filling routines for the IFSAR and LIDAR DEMs. TEC and the Canadian contractor should determine the most efficient format for distribution of the fused DEM based on software and size limitations of hydrologic software being used for the study.

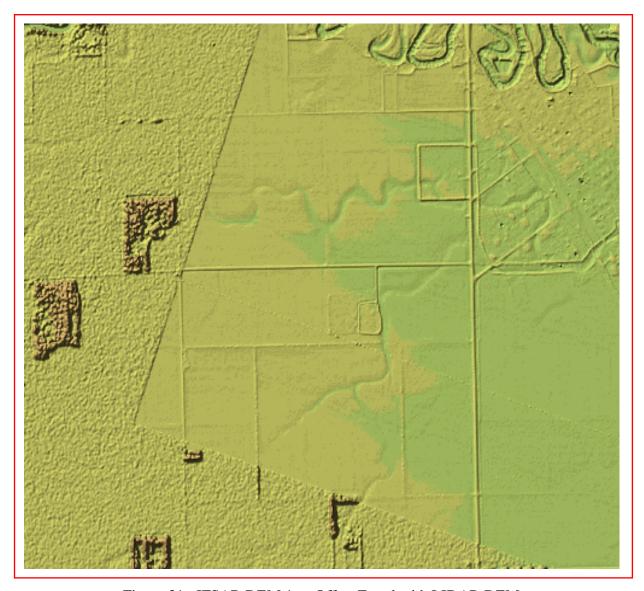


Figure 31. IFSAR DEM 1-m Offset Fused with LIDAR DEM



Figure 32. IFSAR DEM 1-m Offset Fused with LIDAR DEM

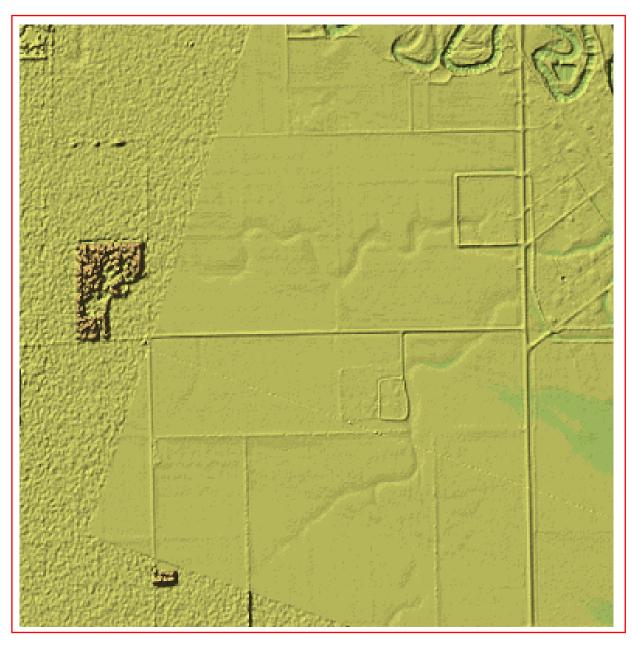


Figure 33. Corrected IFSAR DEM Fused with the LIDAR DEM

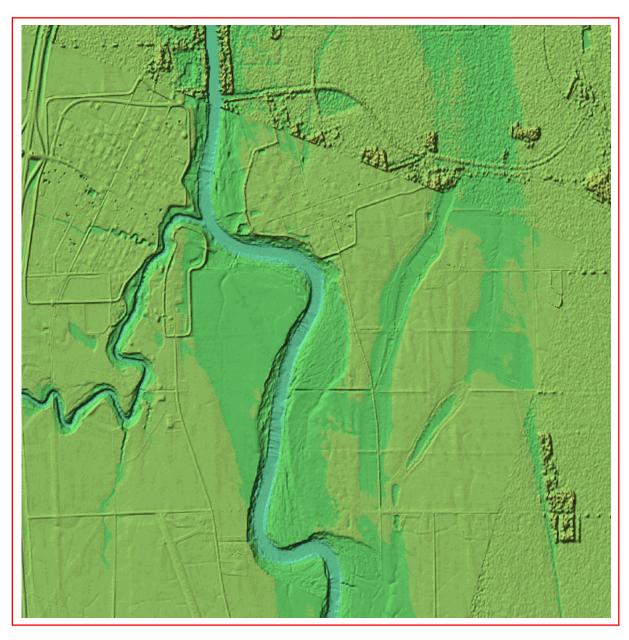
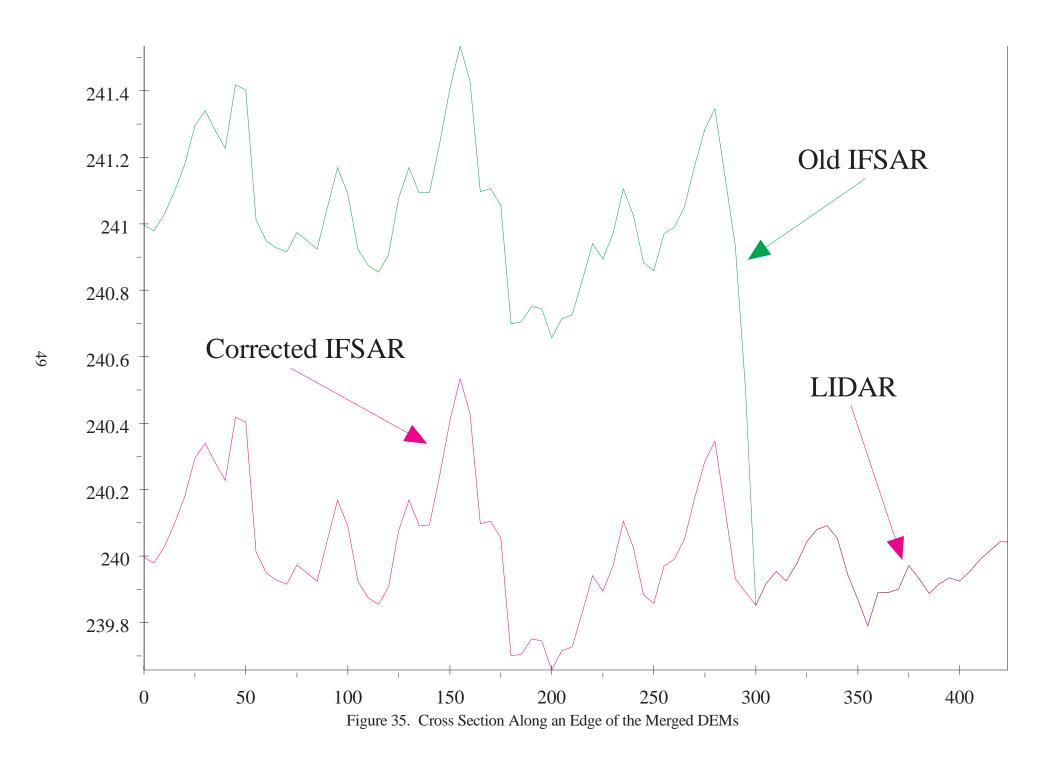


Figure 34. Corrected IFSAR DEM Fused with the LIDAR DEM



SECOND LIDAR REDELIVERY

The second LIDAR DEM was delivered to TEC in February 2000. EarthData notified TEC in early July 1999 that a systematic error was present in the first LIDAR delivery. TEC reported their initial findings of several errors found in the first LIDAR delivery at a meeting with the Saint Paul District in August 1999.

DEM Anomalies

Three major anomalies were associated with the LIDAR second delivery. The first anomalies were data voids found throughout the entire LIDAR DEM. In Figure 36, data voids are seen in the northeast corner of the database. Another large data void is shown in Figure 37 south of the Pembina River. In Figure 38, data voids are found along the entire length of the Pembina River, which includes the Red River. The total area coverage of the second LIDAR delivery is approximately 59 mi² or 153 km². The total area represented by data voids is approximately 0.61 mi² or 1.58 km², which represents 1 percent of the collected area.

The second anomaly was found along the flight line paths of the collection. The seaming anomaly was not found in the prior delivery of the LIDAR DEM. In Figure 39, the seaming anomaly is apparent along edges of the collection area. The seams can be found in all of the flight line paths. Figure 40 shows another example of the flight line seaming anomaly. The third anomaly was introduced by the seaming problem and is associated with elevated road structures and the terrain surface. Elevated road structures and the terrain surface appear broken in many places, as seen in Figures 37 and 39.

Vertical Comparison

The vertical accuracy was assessed with the methods used during the first comparison. Simple differencing was performed using Arc GRID. The same comparisons were performed on the first and second LIDAR deliveries. The second LIDAR delivery was 25- to 26-m below the surface of the first LIDAR delivery. This is shown in Figure 41 with the yellow and orange showing the locations of the major differences. Further analysis is unwarranted at this time due to the extreme vertical offset in the second LIDAR delivery.

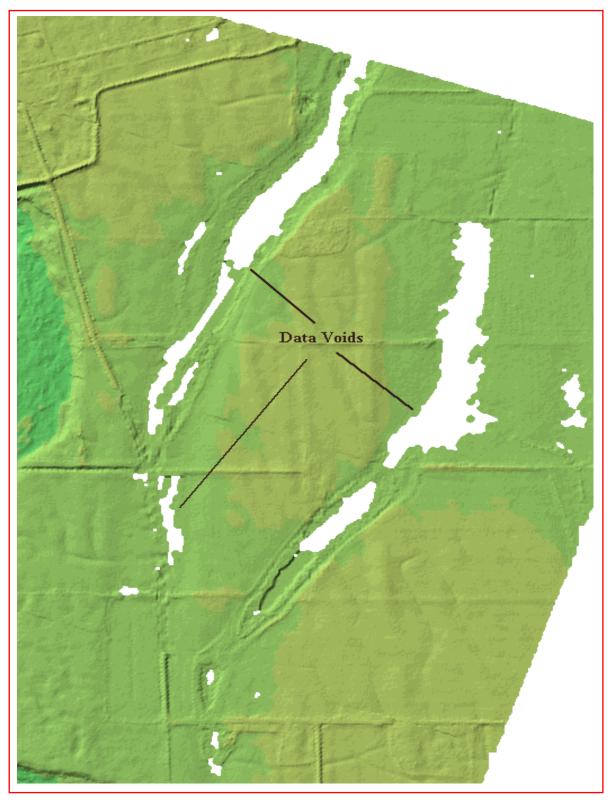


Figure 36. Data Voids in Second LIDAR Delivery

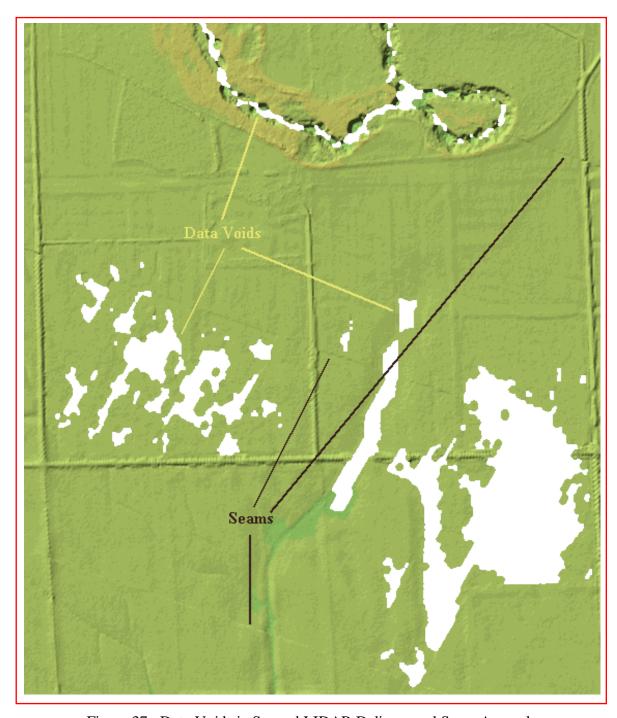


Figure 37. Data Voids in Second LIDAR Delivery and Seam Anomaly



Figure 38. Data Voids in Second LIDAR Delivery

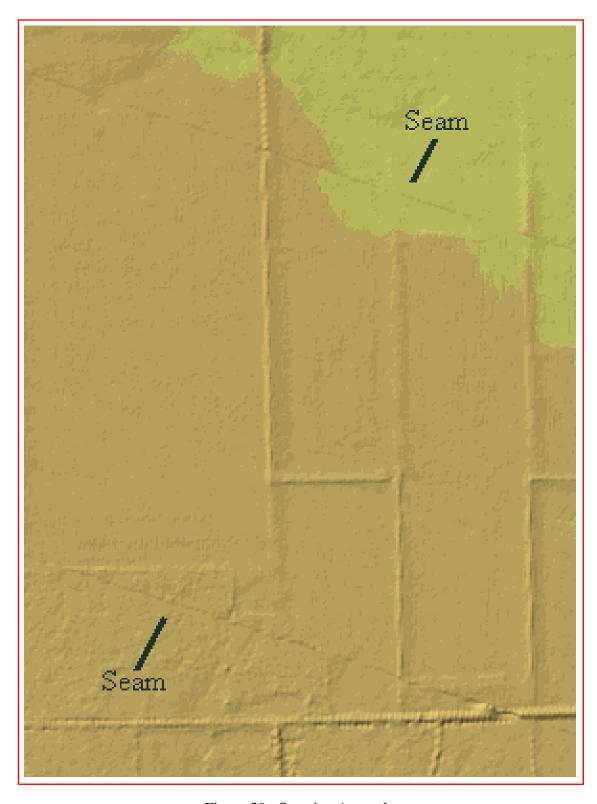


Figure 39. Seaming Anomaly

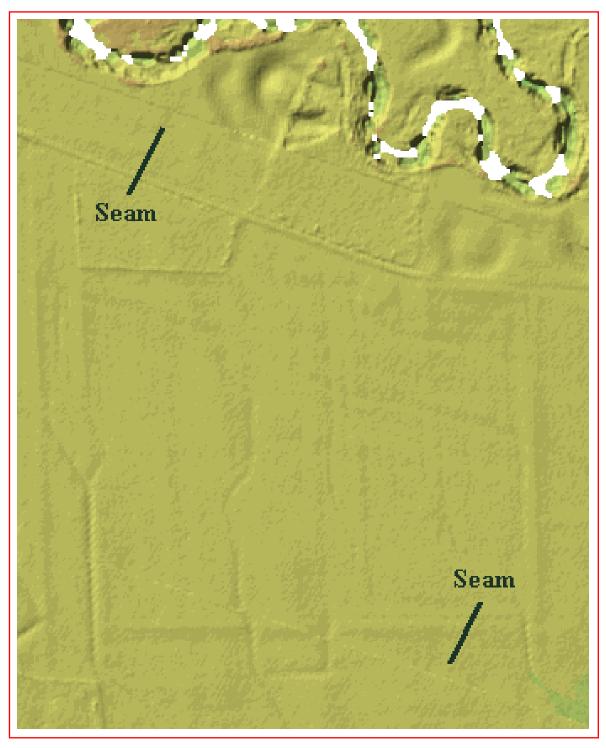


Figure 40. Seaming Anomaly

Figure 41. First LIDAR and Second LIDAR Delivery Difference

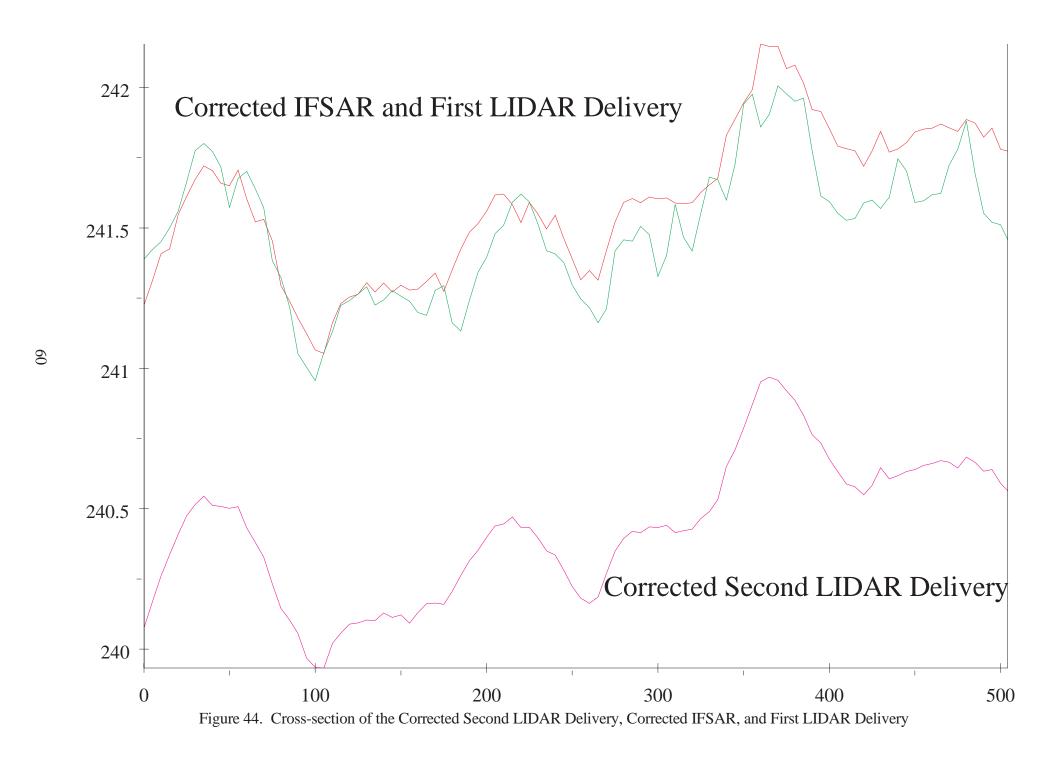
A comparison of the second LIDAR delivery to the corrected IFSAR DEM shows that the second LIDAR delivery is approximately 25- to 26-m below the IFSAR DEM surface. In Figure 42, the yellow and orange show a similar pattern to that found in the first investigation in Figure 21. The red is mainly vegetation found in the IFSAR DEM.

Cross sections were used to view the elevation differences. In Figure 43, the corrected IFSAR DEM and first LIDAR delivery are above the second LIDAR delivery with an apparent 20-m plus elevation difference using the *STACKPROFILE* command. A 25-m correction was made to the second LIDAR delivery, shown in Figure 44. The second LIDAR delivery should have been at the similar elevation levels as the first LIDAR delivery. Further analysis is unwarranted at this time due to the extreme vertical offset.

Recommendation

Earthdata was notified of the discrepancy in the data and confirmed the offset. The second LIDAR delivery was not processed to orthometric heights but was delivered in ellipsoidal heights. The 20-m plus difference in the second LIDAR redelivery will prevent the hydrologic group from using the second LIDAR redelivery to complete their study. Because of the inconsistencies in reprocessing the second LIDAR redelivery to non-orthometric heights, the introduction of more extensive data voids, and the distortion of topographic features from seams, using the first fused data set in the hydrologic study is recommended.

Figure 42. Corrected IFSAR and Second LIDAR Delivery Difference



THIRD LIDAR REDELIVERY

TEC informed EarthData of the offset in the second LIDAR delivery. EarthData confirmed that the geoid heights were not processed for the second LIDAR delivery and agreed to reprocess and deliver a third LIDAR data set to TEC within 2 weeks.

DEM Anomalies

The same three anomalies associated with the second LIDAR delivery were present in the third LIDAR delivery. Large areas of the data set still had data voids and the seaming problems were still present. The total area delivered was approximately 58 mi² or 150 km². The total area representing data voids was approximately 1 mi² or 2.6 km², which represents 1.73 percent of the total area. The seaming anomaly also introduced problems with elevated road structures and the physical terrain. The elevated road seen in Figure 45 clearly is not intact at the bend due to the seaming anomaly. The oxbows and roads appear to have problems along the seams in Figures 45, 46, and 47.

Vertical Comparison

A regression analysis was run on the first and third LIDAR DEMs to determine their correlation. The *SAMPLE* function was issued at the Grid prompt with the string *lidarsamp* = *sample* (*lidard1*, *lidar3*, *bilinear*). The *REGRESSION* command was used to analyze the two LIDAR DEMs with the string *regression lidarsamp linear brief*. The results of the ArcInfo regression are shown in Table 7 with a RMSE of 0.235-m. Next, all three DEMs were clipped to a smaller area seen in Figure 48 to eliminate vegetation from the IFSAR DEM for a combined regression analysis in ArcInfo. The *SAMPLE* function was used with the string *lidarifsarsamp* = *sample* (*gt1clp*, *lidardclpl*, *lidarclp3*, *bilinear*). The *REGRESSION* command was run again with results seen in Table 8. The *CORRELATION* command was used to look at the relationship of the first and third LIDAR DEMs and the corrected IFSAR DEM. The *CORRELATION* command used the example string *correlation gt1clip lidarclp1* for each of the three combinations with results seen in Table 9.

Table 7. ArcInfo Regression Analysis for the First and Third LIDAR DEMs

Coef #	Coef
0	-0.490
1	1.001
RMS Error	0.235
Chi-Square	916337.333

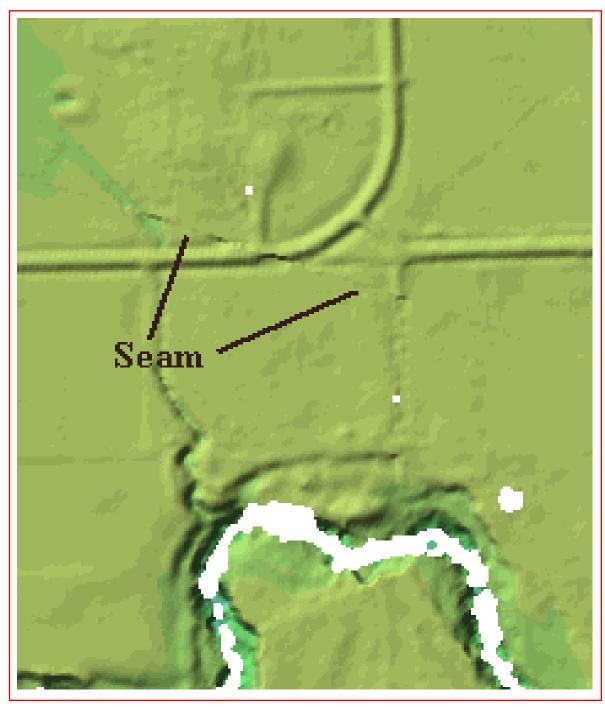


Figure 45. Third LIDAR Delivery Seaming Anomaly

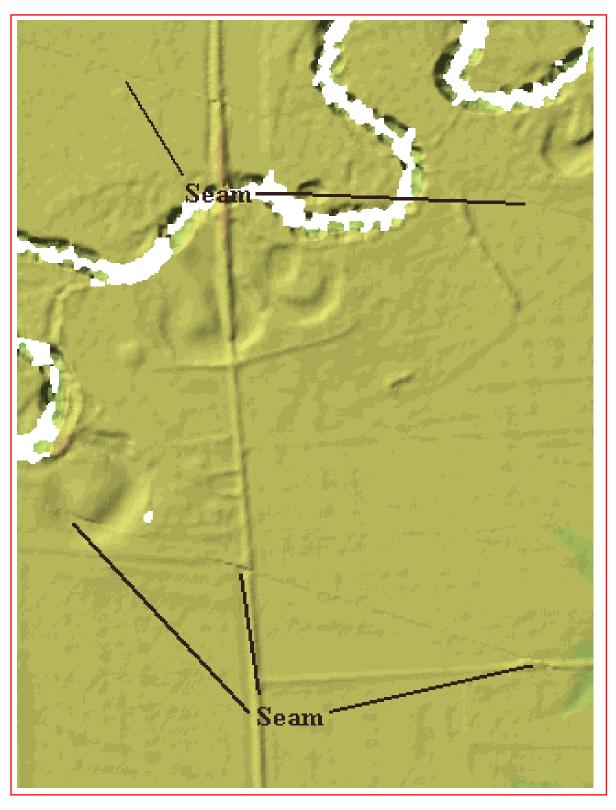


Figure 46. Third LIDAR Delivery Seaming Anomaly

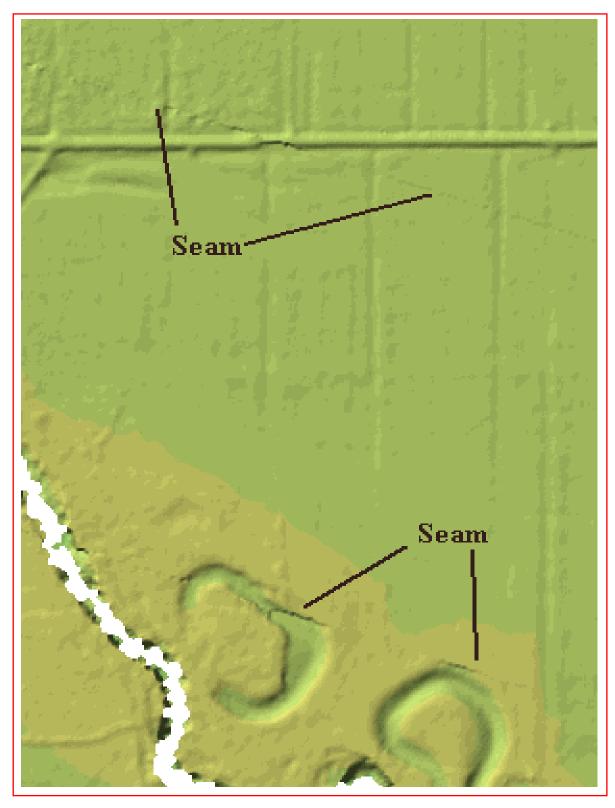


Figure 47. Third LIDAR Delivery Seaming Anomaly



Figure 48. Clipped Area

Table 8. ArcInfo Regression Analysis

Coef #	Coef
0	31.99
1	-0.147
2	1.011
RMS Error	0.281
Chi-Square	66280.091

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Table 9. ArcInfo Correlation Analysis

Correlation Corrected GT1 and 1st LIDAR DEM	0.925185
Correlation Corrected GT1 and 3 rd LIDAR DEM	0.936569
Correlation 1 st and 3 rd LIDAR DEM	0.988297

The *MAKESTACK* command with the *LIST* option was used to put the corrected IFSAR and first and third LIDAR deliveries into an associated file. Elevation data were extracted from the stacked file using the same AML used earlier. The AML placed the extracted data into an ASCII text file for analysis. The entire list of the extracted data is shown in Appendix E. One point was dropped from the analysis because it was over a data void in the third LIDAR delivery. The basic statistics were computed using 411 points with results seen in Table 10.

Table 10. Basic Statistics

	GT1	1 st LIDAR	3 rd LIDAR
Mean	244.0366	244.2683	244.5250
Max	254.3342	254.2984	254.6667
Min	237.6239	237.6307	237.8957
STD	4.1382	4.1174	4.1274

Analysis was performed using Quattro Pro 9, Minitab version 12, and S-Plus. One- and two-tail paired t-tests were performed using the 411 elevation points. The one-tail paired t-test was run for three combinations of the corrected IFSAR, the first LIDAR, and third LIDAR deliveries and concluded the null hypothesis was rejected in all 3 cases. The two-tail paired t-test was run for three combinations of the corrected IFSAR, first, and third LIDAR deliveries and concluded the null hypothesis was rejected. The results of the one- and two-tail paired t-test are seen in Table 11 with p-values of 0.00 and in Appendix F.

Nonparametric tests were performed that do not depend on normality for accuracy. Three common nonparametric tests were used: the Kolmogorov-Smirnov (K-S) test, the Mann-Whitney (M-W) test, and the Runs test. All of these tests are distribution-free, so the non-normality of the data is irrelevant. The K-S test, M-W test, and Runs test were performed. Results are shown in Table 11 and in Appendices F and G. The K-S test for the GT1-first LIDAR and first-third LIDAR combinations concluded the null hypothesis was not rejected with p-values of 0.08 and 0.15. The K-S test for GT1-third LIDAR concluded the null hypothesis was rejected with p-values of 0.00. The M-W test GT1-first LIDAR and first-third LIDAR combinations concluded the null hypothesis was not rejected with p-values of 0.15. The M-W test for GT1-third LIDAR concluded the null hypothesis was rejected with p-values of 0.00. The Runs test with p-values of 0.00 concluded the null hypothesis was rejected. Regression analysis was run for

completeness with results shown in Table 12.

Table 11. Analysis

		GT1-1st	GT1-3rd	1st-3rd
t-test	One Tail	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Paired	Two Tail	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
K-S	p-value	0.0754	0.0001	0.1481
	ks	0.0876	0.1557	0.0779
M-W	p-value	0.1340	0.0029	0.1450
Runs	p-value	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000

Table 12. Regression Output

	GT1-1st	GT1-3rd	1st-3rd
Constant	2.4049	1.9207	-0.2747
Std Err of Y Est	0.3643	0.3338	0.0908
R Squared	0.9922	0.9935	0.9995
Number of Observations	411	411	411
Degrees of Freedom	409	409	409
X Coefficient(s)	0.9911	0.9941	1.0022
Std Err of Coef.	0.0043	0.0040	0.0011

The second comparison involved the use of a large and several small cross sections to evaluate the first and third LIDAR deliveries and the corrected IFSAR DEM. The comparison used only the area of overlap between the three DEMs. The cross-section seen as a black line in Figure 49 was used because of the lack of data voids and is approximately 5,000-m across. The graph in Figure 50 is a cross-section of the difference grid of the first LIDAR delivery and the corrected IFSAR DEM. The presence of the systematic error can be seen as a wave in the graph starting on the left side moving across to the far right side.

In Figure 51, the difference grid of the third LIDAR delivery and the corrected IFSAR shows the systematic error is still present. The cross-section in Figure 52 shows the systematic error is slightly reduced but is still present in the third LIDAR Delivery. The difference grid of the first and third LIDAR deliveries shows the height difference between the two deliveries in Figure 53. The cross-section of the difference grid for the first and third LIDAR deliveries in

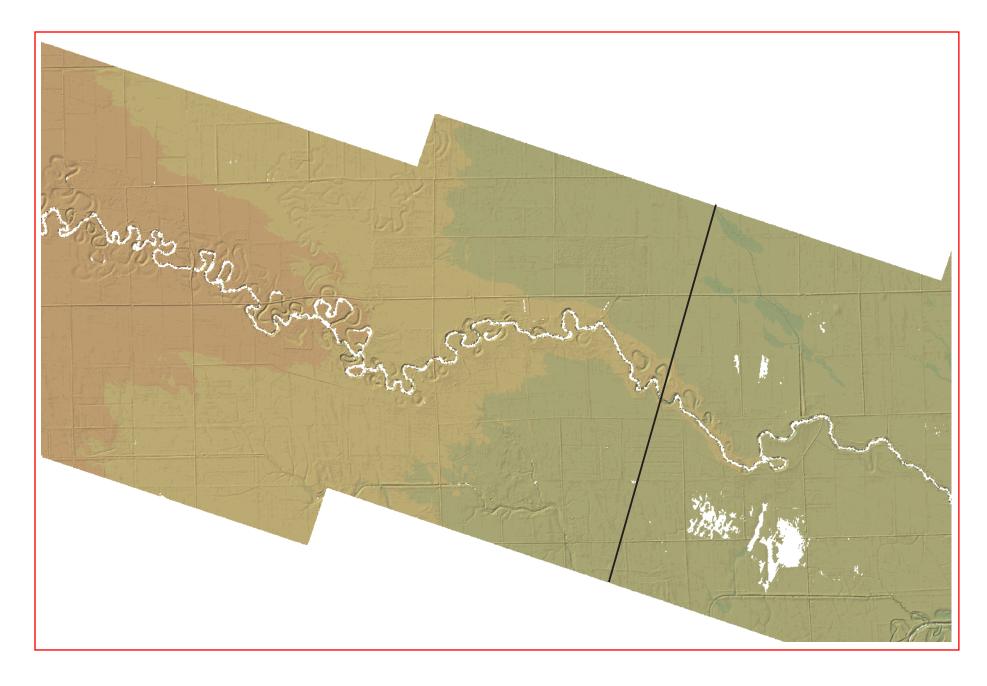
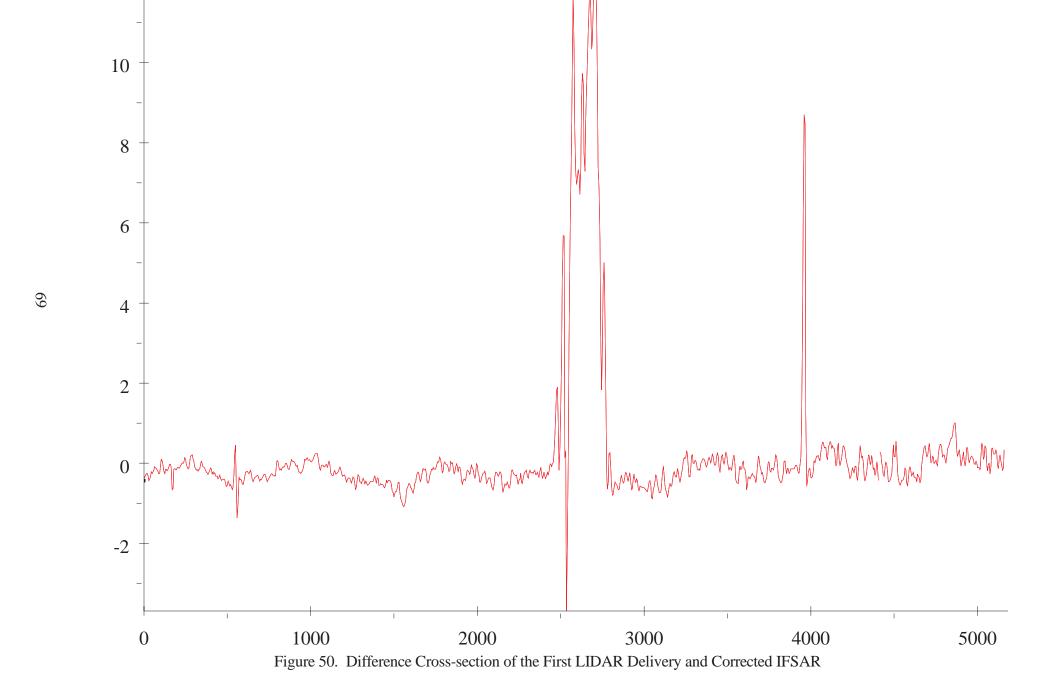


Figure 49. 5,000-m Cross-section Line



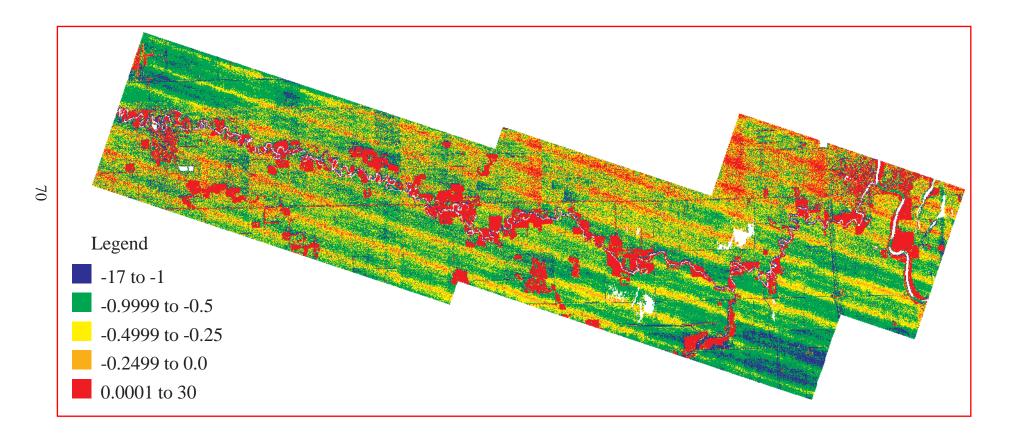


Figure 51. Difference Grid of the Third LIDAR Delivery and Corrected IFSAR



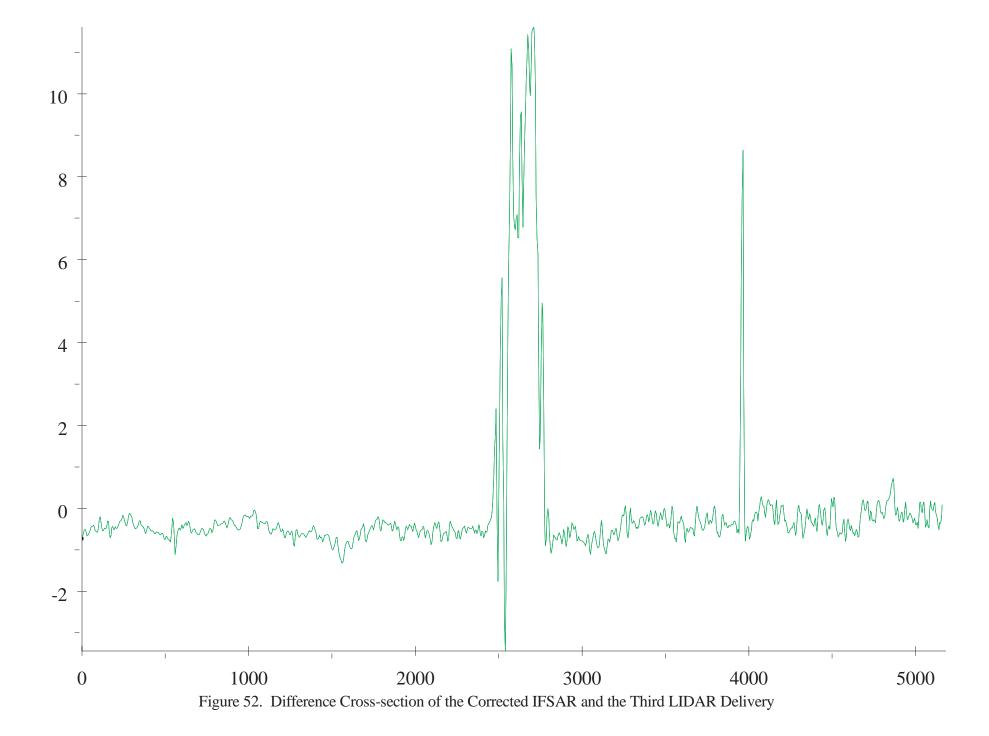
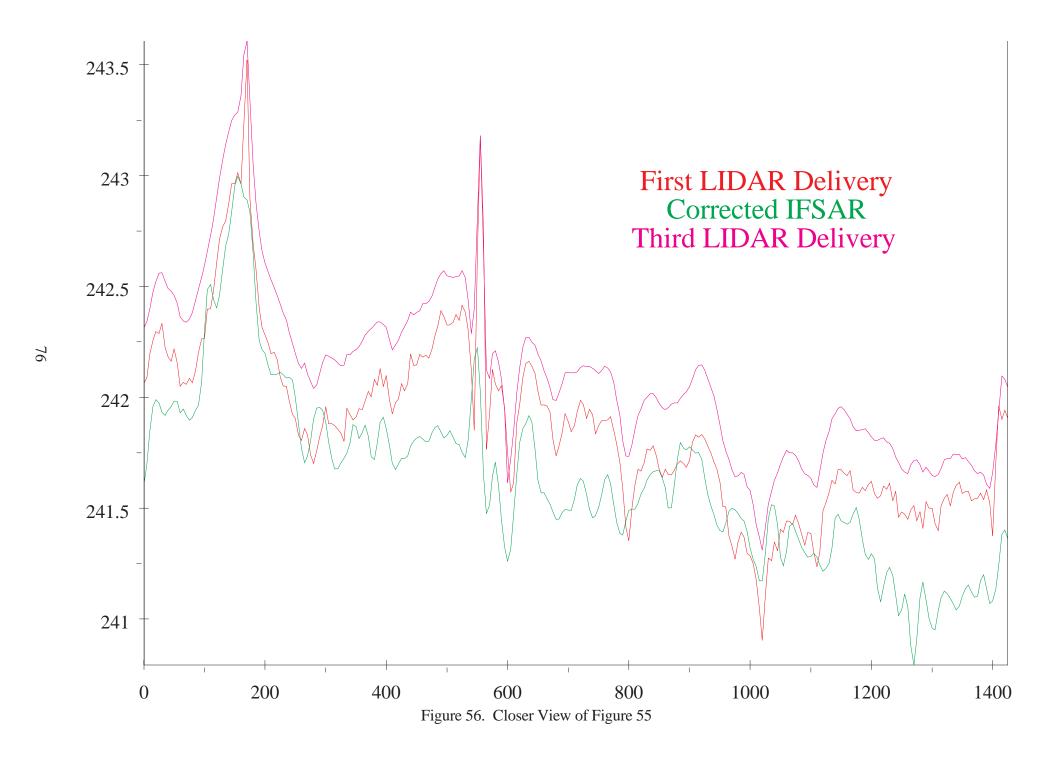


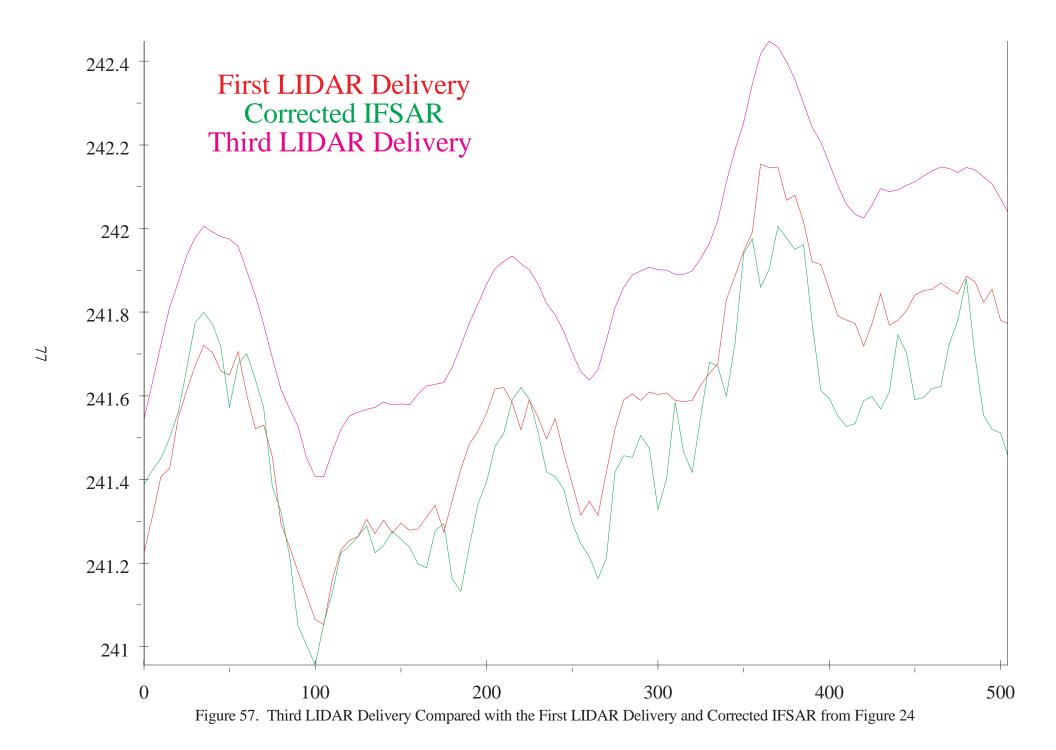
Figure 53. Difference Grid of the First and Third LIDAR Delivery

Figure 54 show the total difference in height as well as the systematic error in the LIDAR data set. In Figure 55, the cross-section of the first and third LIDAR deliveries and corrected IFSAR DEM illustrates the height differences between the three DEMs. The Pembina River in the center of Figure 56 is higher than the surrounding terrain and could be one of the many causes of flooding in the area. In Figure 57, the differences between the three DEMs is apparent and illustrates how variable the differences are in height along the cross-section.

Recommendations

TEC recommends the use of the first LIDAR delivery for the hydrologic modeling because of the large data voids and the unsuccessful elimination of the systematic error in the second and third LIDAR data sets. The cross sections provided proof of the difference in heights, and the systematic error was still present in the data.





CONCLUSIONS

LIDAR

The LIDAR DEMs provided a high resolution surface with a narrow area coverage. The LIDAR DEMs provided a bare earth with most of the urban and forested areas removed from the three DEMs. The first LIDAR DEM had a systematic error throughout the DEM surface. However, the first LIDAR DEM had less severe flaws than the second and third LIDAR deliveries. The second LIDAR DEM had data voids making up 1 percent of the total area and a negative 20-m elevation difference. This large elevation difference was due to the lack of a geoid correction being applied to the second LIDAR DEM. The third LIDAR delivery continued to display the systematic error, the DEM had been smoothed when compared to the first LIDAR delivery, and the data voids were quite significant at 1.73 percent of the total area.

The assessment of the LIDAR data using the AeroScan sensor revealed numerous anomalies and errors in the processed bare-earth DEM. While LIDAR technology has the potential to collect higher resolution and more accurate terrain data, there are significant deficiencies in the Earthdata postprocessing software that merges the individual flight lines and feature removal algorithms. The first and third LIDAR deliveries further attest to the unstableness of the postprocessing task by the inconsistent quality and data voids of the two DEMs. The systematic error found in the first LIDAR delivery was still present in the second and third delivery after 8 months of effort to process out the error. This unsuccessful attempt to remove this systematic error cast doubt on the usefulness of the LIDAR bare-earth DEM for hydrologic modeling.

IFSAR

The IFSAR DEM provided a wider area coverage with minor flaws associated with the sensor and processing. It was capable of being lowered to the approximate elevation height of the first LIDAR DEM and allowed for the data fusion of the two DEMs. The IFSAR DEM with vegetation will present an interesting problem for hydrologic tools and software. It did provide a base data set with which to compare the LIDAR DEM, and helped find the systematic error in the LIDAR DEM. A GPS high-accuracy reference network (HARN) using National Geodetic Survey (NGS) standards would provide elevation data that could help bring the IFSAR and LIDAR DEMs down to the actual ground after the data fusion process.

There are differences with the representation of transportation features with the IFSAR and LIDAR collection devices. The LIDAR collection device does represent transportation features really well. On the other hand, the IFSAR collection device represents these transportation features well, but as the transportation feature decreases in width the feature is much less defined.

FEMA 37 Specification

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 37 Specification Appendix 4B, "Airbourne Light Detection and Ranging System," found at http://www.fema.gov/mit/tsd/lidar_4b.htm, defines the acceptable LIDAR collection and deliverables for floodplain mapping. According to A4B-4, "Performance Standards," the spec for section A for deliveries two and three was not met due to data voids, and section B was not met for lack of system calibration, which caused the systematic error in the DEM. The GPS data collected by TEC does not meet the FEMA 37 spec for LIDAR because the data collected was at the 5- to 10-cm accuracy level on roads only and not according to section A4B-5, "GPS Control using NGS standards". According to section A4B-6, "Post-Processing of Data," the minimum point spacing of 5-m was met, and no additional data were delivered other than the LIDAR DEM. According to section A4B-7, "Quality Control/Quality Assurance," the field verification was not done to FEMA 37 spec, and the LIDAR data cannot be verified totally with the GPS data provided to TEC. Additional data were not acquired to support the verification process under vegetation. According to A4B-8, "Deliverables," the LIDAR DEM does not meet the FEMA 37 Specification Appendix 4B. The FEMA 37 Specification Appendix 4B became public as a draft for comments in early 1999 and finalized in May 2000.

According to the Draft FEMA 37 Specification for IFSAR, the Red River IFSAR DEM does not meet the required maximum 15-cm RMSE for vertical accuracy. Currently, Intermap is experimenting to achieve a goal of providing a bare-earth DEM for floodplain analysis at the 30-to 50-cm level, referred to as the GLOBAL Terrain FloodPlain (GTFP). The GTFP product will be made available as an option for customers within the next year after testing is completed.

Costs and Accuracies

The following tabulation summarizes the general range of cost and accuracy of the IFSAR and LIDAR DEM collection capability:

Parameters	IFSAR	LIDAR
Sensor Type	Radar	Laser
Commercially Available	Single Source	Multiple Source
DEM Spacing	5 - 10 m	0.5 - 3 m
Vertical Accuracy	0.6 - 1.5 m	6 cm and up
Typical Cost	$11 - 80 \text{ km}^2$	\$225 - \$1500 km ²
Post Collection Product Delivery	2 - 3 months	2 - 3 weeks

LIDAR Vendors and Emerging IFSAR Capabilities

To further consider LIDAR technologies to address the IJC Red River Task Force's objectives, other types of LIDAR sensors should be considered and evaluated. Aside from the Earthdata AeroScan system, there are at least three other LIDAR sensor manufacturers (Optech, Topoeye, and Nortech). Aside from these LIDAR manufacturers, John Chance and TerraPoint also operate proprietary LIDAR systems. Appendix H provides a list of the LIDAR manufacturers and a summary of the operating LIDAR vendors in the United States by system.

Currently, Intermap is the sole operator of an IFSAR sensor in the United States. Additionally, Intermap has flown overseas to help supply IFSAR DEMs for floodplain mapping efforts in the United Kingdom (UK) (Galy and Sanders 2000). Intermap is also researching capabilities to produce bare-earth DEMs (Intermap 2000).

Closing Statement

A thorough assessment of IFSAR and LIDAR DEMs in a GIS environment was accomplished. Tools were presented to modify, evaluate, and check the elevation heights of the IFSAR and LIDAR DEMs. Visual analysis and cross sections were employed to assist in the evaluation process. Cross-section information was used to bring the surfaces to a common elevation height for the data fusion process. If not for the systematic error in the LIDAR DEM, the two data sets could be brought closer to achieve the desired goal. The Saint Paul District was delivered a fused DEM data set using the first LIDAR delivery in the summer of 1999, which was achieved using GIS-based tools such as ArcInfo. ArcInfo tools for DEM editing will require major updating to easily handle the new IFSAR and LIDAR floating point data. Data size was not looked into in this report, but should be considered for operational systems using IFSAR and LIDAR DEMs. The smaller cell size of IFSAR and LIDAR DEMs increases the total volume of data on a hard drive. Statistics alone cannot point to systematic errors in these new technologies for DEM production as seen in this report. Other areas may not have an IFSAR DEM for reference to detect anomalies in the future. FEMA has currently produced specifications for LIDAR and IFSAR data collections and deliveries for floodplain mapping, which are the guidelines for the start of all floodplain-related projects involving IFSAR and LIDAR collections.

The contract for the LIDAR DEM data purchase was awarded by the Canadian Government working with the Saint Paul District. Neither the Saint Paul District nor the Canadians were actively involved in interacting with EarthData in the LIDAR redelivery process. The Canadian Government contract monitor was responsible for accepting or rejecting the LIDAR DEM.

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APPENDIX A. INTERMAP IFSAR DEM HEADER

Intermap Technologies Inc. Global Terrain Metadata File (DEM)

File Creation date: Wednesday, June 16, 1999
Tile Identifier #: GT1N48W097H2V1.bil

Project Area: Red River

Product Description

Product Level: GT1
DEM posting (meters): 5.0

Horizontal Accuracy: 2.5 meters (1 sigma) Vertical Accuracy: 1 meters (1 sigma)

Sensor

Data Source: Intermap Star-3i Airborne Interferometric SAR

Flying Height: 20,000 ft. Above Mean Ground

Primary Look: North
Alternate (Secondary)Look: South

Mission #(s): 168

Acquisition Date: 11/01/1998 and 11/02/1998

Band: X-Band

Processing

Interpolation: Continuous curvature spline over non-data areas

Phase Unwrapper: Goldstein

Data Format, Parameters, and Coordinates Format: 32 bit BIL (float)

Projection: UTM

Horizontal Datum: WGS84 Ellipsoid

Vertical Datum: NAVD 88 Geoid Model: GEOID96

Vertical Reference: Mean Sea Level (MSL)

Central Scale: 0.9996 UTM Zone: 14

Central Meridian: 99 degrees West False Easting (meters): 500,000.0 meters

False Northing (meters): 0.0 meters

UTM Easting (meters): Min. 627,727.50 Max. 638,947.50 UTM Northing(meters): Min. 5,411,802.50 Max. 5,431,752.50

Pixel Origin: Center Center

Pixels (columns): 2245 Lines (rows): 3991

Legacy Information

Intermap Project Number: 98065

Flight Acquisition Manager: J. Keith Tennant 403.266.0900 Denver Processing Center: Ken Rath 303.708.0955 Ottawa Processing Center: Ian Isaacs 613.226.5442 Metadata File Creator: Tom Hutt 613.226.5442 Mississippi DHS Center: Ron Birk 228.688.1465 Project Manager: Cliff Holle 228.688.1783

Metadata File Description: www.globalterrain.com

Intermap Information: www.intermaptechnologies.com

ISO 9001 Certification No. 0411-069

APPENDIX B. INTERMAP MAGNITUDE IMAGE HEADER

Intermap Technologies Inc. Global Terrain Metadata File (ORI)

File Creation date: Friday, June 18, 1999
Tile Identifier #: IM2N48W097H2V1.tif

Project Area: Red River

Product Description

Product Level: GT1 Image Pixels (meters): 2.5

Horizontal Accuracy: 2.5 meters (1 sigma)

Sensor

Data Source: Intermap Star-3i Airborne Interferometric SAR

Flying Height: 20,000 ft. Above Mean Ground

Primary Look: North Alternate (Secondary)Look: South

Mission #(s): 168

Acquisition Date: 11/01/1998 and 11/02/1998

Band: X-Band

Processing

Interpolation: Continuous curvature spline over non-data areas

Phase Unwrapper: Goldstein

Data Format, Parameters, and Coordinates Format: 8 bit GEOTIFF

Projection: UTM

Horizontal Datum: WGS84 Ellipsoid

Vertical Datum: NAVD 88
Geoid Model: GEOID96
Central Scale: 0.9996
UTM Zone: 14

Central Meridian: 99 degrees West
False Easting (meters): 500,000.0 meters

False Northing (meters): 0.0 meters

UTM Easting (meters): Min. 627,729.50 Max. 638,947.00 UTM Northing(meters): Min. 5,411,803.50 Max. 5,431,751.00

Pixel Origin: Upper Left
Pixels (columns): 4488
Lines (rows): 7980

Legacy Information

Intermap Project Number: 98065

Flight Acquisition Manager: J. Keith Tennant 403.266.0900

Denver Processing Center: Ken Rath 303.708.0955
Ottawa Processing Center: Ian Isaacs 613.226.5442
Metadata File Creator: Tom Hutt 613.226.5442
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Project Manager: Cliff Holle 228.688.1783

Metadata File Description: www.globalterrain.com

Intermap Information: www.intermaptechnologies.com

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APPENDIX C. ELEVEXTRACT.AML

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APPENDIX D. CROSS SECTION AML

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APPENDIX E. XYZ DATA FROM ELEVEXTRACT.AML IFSAR (GT1), FIRST (1ST) AND THIRD (3RD) DELIVERY

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APPENDIX F. RESULTS FROM MINITAB

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C3 - Corrected IFSAR
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C4 - First LIDAR Delivery

C5 - Third LIDAR Delivery

Paired T-Test and Confidence Interval

Paired T for C3 - C4

N Mean StDev SE Mean
C3 410 244.042 4.147 0.205
C4 410 244.276 4.124 0.204
Difference 410 -0.2336 0.3642 0.0180

95% CI for mean difference: (-0.2689, -0.1982)

T-Test of mean difference = 0 (vs not = 0): T-Value = -12.99 P-Value = 0.000

Paired T-Test and Confidence Interval

Paired T for C3 - C5

N Mean StDev SE Mean
C3 410 244.042 4.147 0.205
C5 410 244.533 4.134 0.204
Difference 410 -0.4902 0.3326 0.0164

95% CI for mean difference: (-0.5225, -0.4579)

T-Test of mean difference = 0 (vs not = 0): T-Value = -29.84 P-Value = 0.000

Paired T-Test and Confidence Interval

Paired T for C4 - C5

N Mean StDev SE Mean
C4 410 244.276 4.124 0.204
C5 410 244.533 4.134 0.204
Difference 410 -0.25666 0.09121 0.00450

95% CI for mean difference: (-0.26551, -0.24780)

T-Test of mean difference = 0 (vs not = 0): T-Value = -56.98 P-Value = 0.000

Wilcoxon Signed Rank Confidence Interval

Estimated Achieved

N Median Confidence Confidence Interval

- C3 410 243.8 95.0 (243.3, 244.4)
- C4 410 244.1 95.0 (243.5, 244.6)
- C5 410 244.3 95.0 (243.7, 244.9)

Mann-Whitney Confidence Interval and Test

C3 N = 410 Median = 242.00

C4 N = 410 Median = 242.29

Point estimate for ETA1-ETA2 is -0.25

95.0 Percent CI for ETA1-ETA2 is (-0.58,0.08)

W = 163223.0

Test of ETA1 = ETA2 vs ETA1 not = ETA2 is significant at 0.1340

The test is significant at 0.1340 (adjusted for ties)

Cannot reject at alpha = 0.05

Mann-Whitney Confidence Interval and Test

C3 N = 410 Median = 242.00

C5 N = 410 Median = 242.55

Point estimate for ETA1-ETA2 is -0.50

95.0 Percent CI for ETA1-ETA2 is (-0.82,-0.18)

W = 158191.5

Test of ETA1 = ETA2 vs ETA1 not = ETA2 is significant at 0.0029

The test is significant at 0.0029 (adjusted for ties)

Mann-Whitney Confidence Interval and Test

C4 N = 410 Median = 242.29

C5 N = 410 Median = 242.55

Point estimate for ETA1-ETA2 is -0.25

95.0 Percent CI for ETA1-ETA2 is (-0.59,0.09)

W = 163362.0

Test of ETA1 = ETA2 vs ETA1 not = ETA2 is significant at 0.1450

The test is significant at 0.1450 (adjusted for ties)

Cannot reject at alpha = 0.05

Runs Test

C3

K = 244.0425

The observed number of runs = 19
The expected number of runs = 197.3951
163 Observations above K 247 below
The test is significant at 0.0000

Runs Test

C4

K = 244.2761

The observed number of runs = 19
The expected number of runs = 196.9805
162 Observations above K 248 below
The test is significant at 0.0000

Runs Test

C5

K = 244.5327

The observed number of runs = 19
The expected number of runs = 196.9805
162 Observations above K 248 below
The test is significant at 0.0000

Regression Analysis

The regression equation is C3 = -0.60 + 1.00 C4

Predictor Coef StDev T P
Constant -0.595 1.068 -0.56 0.578
C4 1.00148 0.00437 229.14 0.000

S = 0.3646 R-Sq = 99.2% R-Sq(adj) = 99.2%

Analysis of Variance

DF Source SS MS F P Regression 1 6978.2 6978.2 52502.96 0.000 Residual Error 408 54.2 0.1 Total 409 7032.4

Unusual Observations Obs C4 StDev Fit Residual St Resid C3 Fit 7 241 241.388 240.527 0.024 0.861 2.37R 8 242 242.286 241.291 0.022 0.995 2.74R 13 241 241.224 240.436 0.024 0.788 2.17R 15 240 240.758 239.953 0.025 0.804 2.21R 43 243 241.286 242.409 0.019 -1.123 -3.08R 71 242 240.535 241.403 0.021 -0.868-2.39R 72 242 241.300 242.084 0.020 -0.784-2.15R 105 254 253.626 253.284 0.044 0.342 0.94 X 106 254 253.136 253.303 0.044 -0.166-0.46 X 158 242 240.566 241.330 0.022 -0.763 -2.10R 177 251 248.917 250.486 0.033 -1.569-4.32R 186 245 245.816 244.941 0.0180.874 2.40R 214 241 241.185 240.424 0.024 0.762 2.09R 216 241 241.327 240.265 0.024 1.062 2.92R 217 240 241.114 239.901 0.0261.213 3.33R 218 240 240.816 239.803 0.026 1.012 2.78R 2.06R 226 241 241.100 240.352 0.024 0.748 277 254 254.334 254.080 0.047 0.255 0.70 X281 252 252.265 251.440 0.037 0.825 2.27R 297 252 251.154 252.205 0.040 -1.052 -2.90R 300 252 250.570 251.406 0.037 -0.836 -2.30R 344 241 242.083 240.921 0.0231.161 3.19R 355 239 239.507 238.734 0.029 0.773 2.13R

R denotes an observation with a large standardized residual X denotes an observation whose X value gives it large influence.

239.102

0.028

0.756

2.08R

Durbin-Watson statistic = 1.23

239.858

Regression Analysis

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The regression equation is C3 = -0.416 + 1.00 C5

Predictor Coef StDev T P
Constant -0.4157 0.9741 -0.43 0.670
C5 0.999695 0.003983 250.99 0.000

S = 0.3330 R-Sq = 99.4% R-Sq(adj) = 99.4%

Analysis of Variance

Source DF SS MS F P Regression 1 6987.1 6987.1 62995.04 0.000

Residual E	rror	408	45.3	0.1
Total	40	9	7032.4	

		rvations				
Obs	C5	C3	Fit	StDev Fit	Residual	St Resid
7	241	241.388	240.554	0.022	0.834	2.51R
8	242	242.286	241.307	0.020	0.979	2.95R
13	241	241.224	240.488	0.022	0.736	2.21R
15	240	240.758	239.989	0.023	0.769	2.31R
21	241	241.543	240.856	0.021	0.686	2.06R
71	242	240.535	241.375	0.020	-0.840	-2.53R
72	243	241.300	242.044	0.018	-0.744	-2.24R
105	254	253.626	253.307	0.040	0.320	0.97 X
106	254	253.136	253.296	0.040	-0.159	-0.48 X
158	242	240.566	241.255	0.020	-0.689	-2.07R
177	251	248.917	250.140	0.029	-1.223	-3.69R
186	245	245.816	245.007	0.017	0.809	2.43R
214	241	241.185	240.504	0.022	0.681	2.05R
216	241	241.327	240.338	0.022	0.989	2.98R
217	241	241.114	240.047	0.023	1.066	3.21R
218	240	240.816	239.901	0.023	0.915	2.75R
226	241	241.100	240.368	0.022	0.732	2.20R
277	255	254.334	254.173	0.044	0.161	0.49 X
281	252	252.265	251.524	0.034	0.741	2.24R
286	251	250.754	250.086	0.029	0.667	2.01R
297	253	251.154	252.129	0.036	-0.975	-2.95R
315	242	240.899	241.600	0.019	-0.701	-2.11R
344	242	242.083	241.039	0.020	1.043	3.14R
355	239	239.507	238.807	0.027	0.700	2.11R

R denotes an observation with a large standardized residual X denotes an observation whose X value gives it large influence.

239.171

0.025

0.687

2.07R

Durbin-Watson statistic = 1.31

240 239.858

Regression Analysis

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The regression equation is C4 = 0.395 + 0.997 C5

 Predictor
 Coef
 StDev
 T
 P

 Constant
 0.3948
 0.2652
 1.49
 0.137

 C5
 0.997336
 0.001084
 919.91
 0.000

S = 0.09065 R-Sq = 100.0% R-Sq(adj) = 100.0%

Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P	
Regression	1	6954.2	6954.2	846227	.53	0.000
Residual Err	or 408	3.4	0.0			
Total	409	6957.6				

Unusual Observations						
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Obs	C5	C4	Fit	StDev Fit	Residual	St Resid
2	242	241.618	241.325	0.006	0.293	3.24R
10	242	241.724	241.519	0.005	0.205	2.27R
37	243	242.042	242.306	0.005	-0.264	-2.91R
43	242	242.645	242.183	0.005	0.461	5.10R
54	242	241.782	242.034	0.005	-0.252	-2.78R
105	254	253.504	253.518	0.011	-0.014	-0.15 X
106	254	253.522	253.508	0.011	0.015	0.16 X
129	253	253.220	252.898	0.010	0.323	3.58R
166	241	241.353	241.164	0.006	0.189	2.09R
168	242	241.806	241.586	0.005	0.220	2.43R
177	251	250.710	250.359	0.008	0.351	3.88R
212	242	242.180	241.864	0.005	0.316	3.50R
219	242	241.463	241.273	0.006	0.190	2.10R
254	243	242.923	243.217	0.005	-0.293	-3.24R
277	255	254.298	254.383	0.012	-0.085	-0.94 X
288	248	247.625	247.895	0.006	-0.270	-2.98R
291	246	245.916	246.138	0.005	-0.222	-2.45R
300	252	251.628	251.419	0.009	0.210	2.33R
301	252	251.516	251.305	0.009	0.211	2.34R
305	250	249.892	249.704	0.007	0.189	2.09R
323	251	250.879	250.689	0.008	0.190	2.11R
329	247	247.452	247.204	0.005	0.248	2.74R
362	239	239.231	239.018	0.007	0.213	2.36R
363	240	240.101	239.875	0.007	0.226	2.51R
365	240	239.895	239.678	0.007	0.218	2.41R
371	242	241.853	241.661	0.005	0.192	2.12R
405	240	239.913	239.646	0.007	0.267	2.96R

R denotes an observation with a large standardized residual \boldsymbol{X} denotes an observation whose \boldsymbol{X} value gives it large influence.

Durbin-Watson statistic = 1.39

APPENDIX G. RESULTS OF SPLUS K-S TESTS

RESULTS OF SPLUS K-S TESTS FOR NORMALITY AND DISTRIBUTIONS

> ks.gof(check411a\$V3,distribution="normal")

One sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test of Composite Normality

data: check411a\$V3 ks = 0.2059, p-value = 0 alternative hypothesis:

True cdf is not the normal distn. with estimated parameters sample estimates:

mean of x standard deviation of x 244.0366 4.143243

> ks.gof(check411a\$V4,distribution="normal")

One sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test of Composite Normality

data: check411a\$V4 ks = 0.1909, p-value = 0 alternative hypothesis:

True cdf is not the normal distn. with estimated parameters sample estimates:

mean of x standard deviation of x 244.2683 4.122435

> ks.gof(check411a\$V5,distribution="normal")

One sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test of Composite Normality

data: check411a\$V5 ks = 0.1931, p-value = 0 alternative hypothesis:

True cdf is not the normal distn. with estimated parameters sample estimates:

mean of x standard deviation of x 244.525 4.132398

> ks.gof(check411a\$V3,check411a\$V4)

Two-Sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test

data: check411a\$V3 and check411a\$V4
ks = 0.0876, p-value = 0.0754
alternative hypothesis:
cdf of check411a\$V3 does not equal the
cdf of check411a\$V4 for at least one sample point.

> ks.gof(check411a\$V3,check411a\$V5)

Two-Sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test

data: check411a\$V3 and check411a\$V5
ks = 0.1557, p-value = 0.0001
alternative hypothesis:
cdf of check411a\$V3 does not equal the
cdf of check411a\$V5 for at least one sample point.

> ks.gof(check411a\$V4,check411a\$V5)

Two-Sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test

data: check411a\$V4 and check411a\$V5
ks = 0.0779, p-value = 0.1481
alternative hypothesis:
cdf of check411a\$V4 does not equal the
cdf of check411a\$V5 for at least one sample point.

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Appendix H. LIDAR Vendors

Proprietary Systems

Company	Location	Sensor
John Chance	LA	FLI-MAP
TerraPoint	TX	ALTMS

FLI-MAP - Fast Laser Imaging and Mapping Airborne Platform (Helicopter Based System) ALTMS - Airborne Lidar Topographic Mapping System

LIDAR Sensor Manufactures

Company	Location	Sensor	Number U.S. Operating
Optech	Canada	ALTM	6
Azimuth	U.S.	AeroScan	5
Nortech	Canada	ATLAS	1
TopoEye	Sweden	TopoEye	1

ALTM - Airborne Laser Terrain Maper ATLAS- All Terrain Laser Acquisition System

U.S. Based Companies Operating Optec's ALTM Sensor

Company	Location
Airborne 1	CA
Analytical Surveys Inc.	IN
Atlantic Technologies	AL
Laser Mapping Specialists	MS
Waggoner Engineering	MS
Woolpert	ОН

U.S. Based Companies Operating Customized Variations of the Azimuth's AeroScan System

Company	Location
3001: The Spatial Data	LA
EagleScan	CO
EarthData	MD
EnerQuest	CO
Spencer B. Gross	OR

U.S. Based Companies Operating the Following LIDAR Sensors

Sensor	Company	Location
TopoEye	Aerotec	LA
Nortech ATLAS	Magnolia Group	TX